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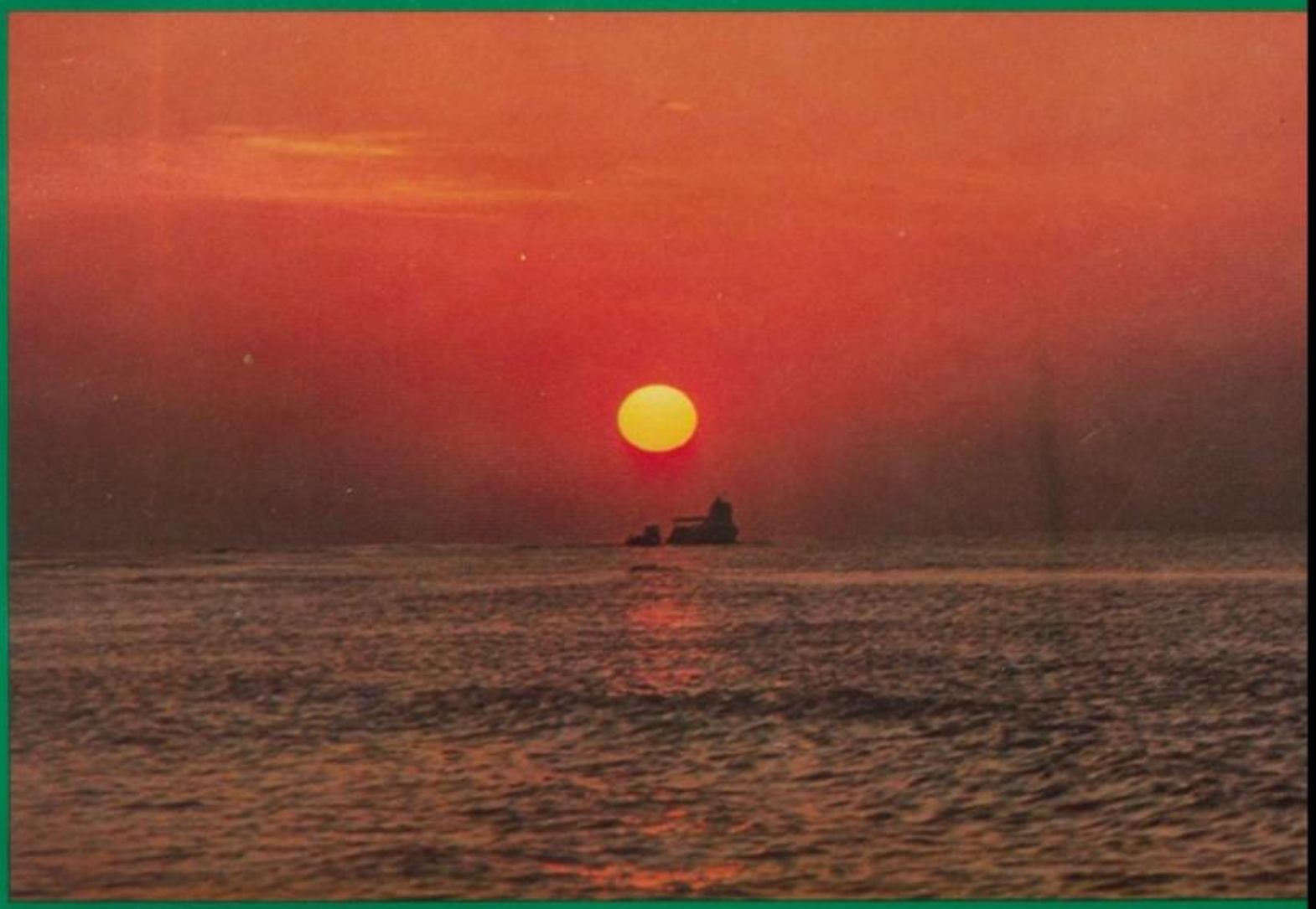

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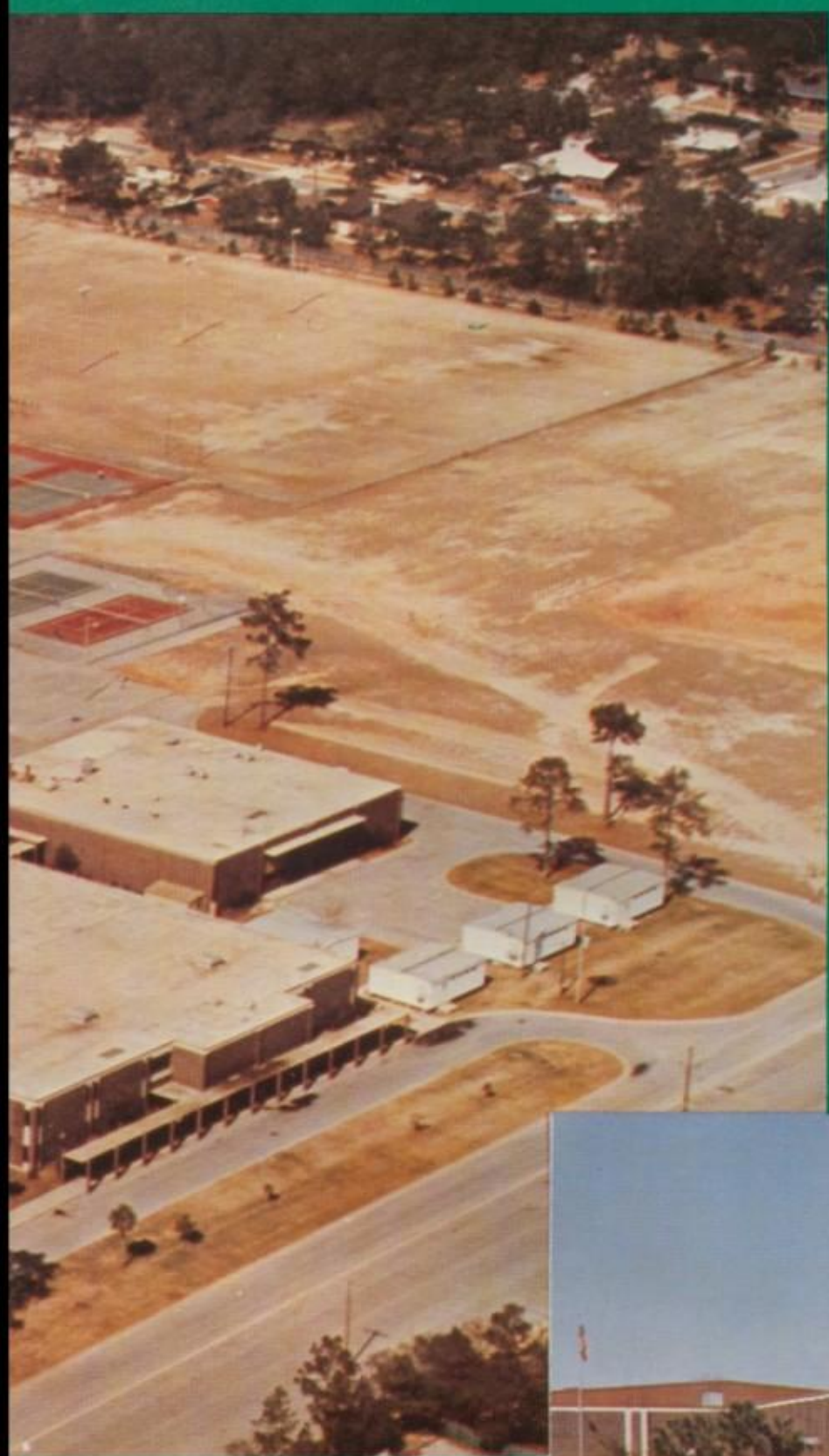

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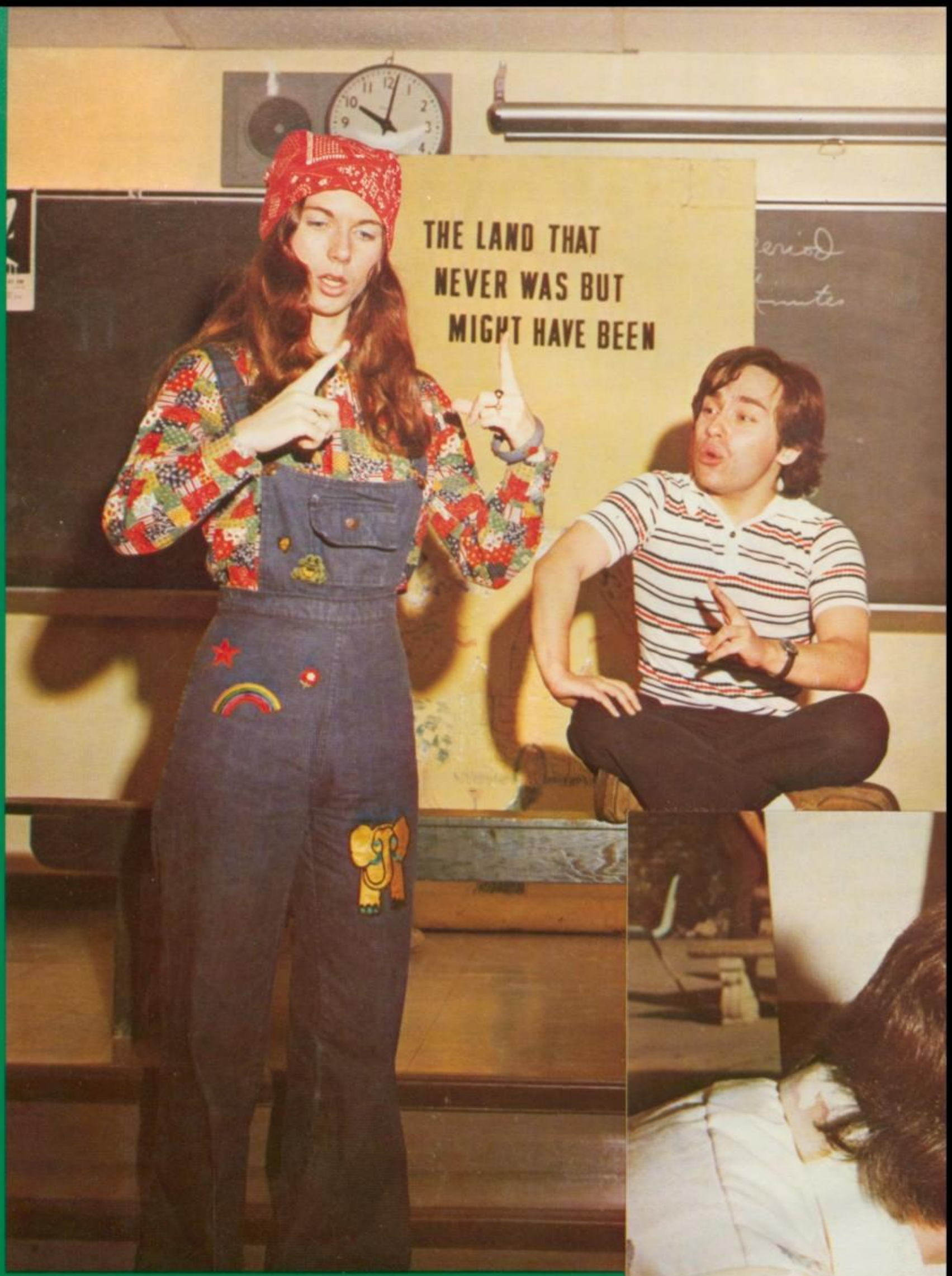
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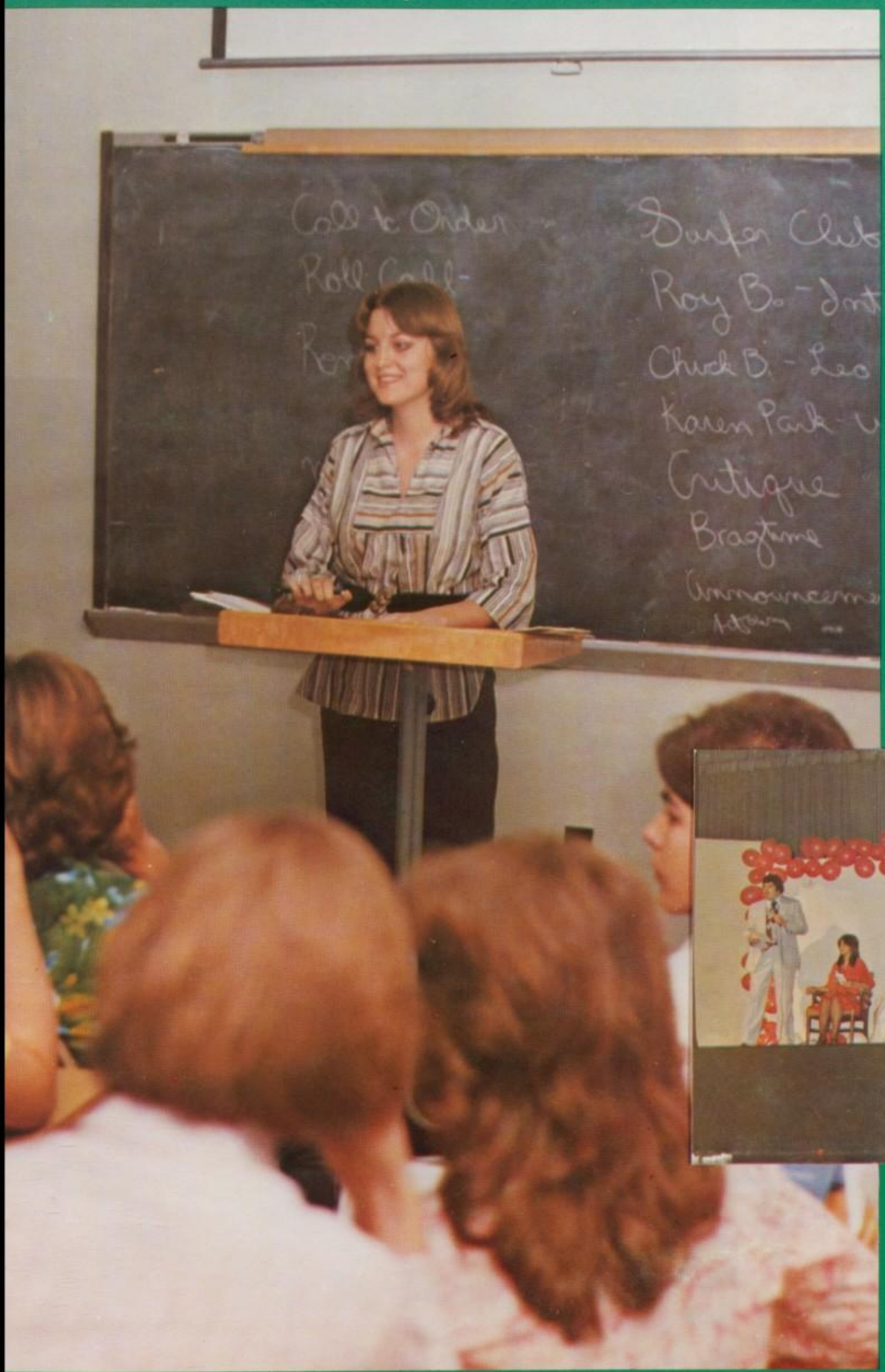
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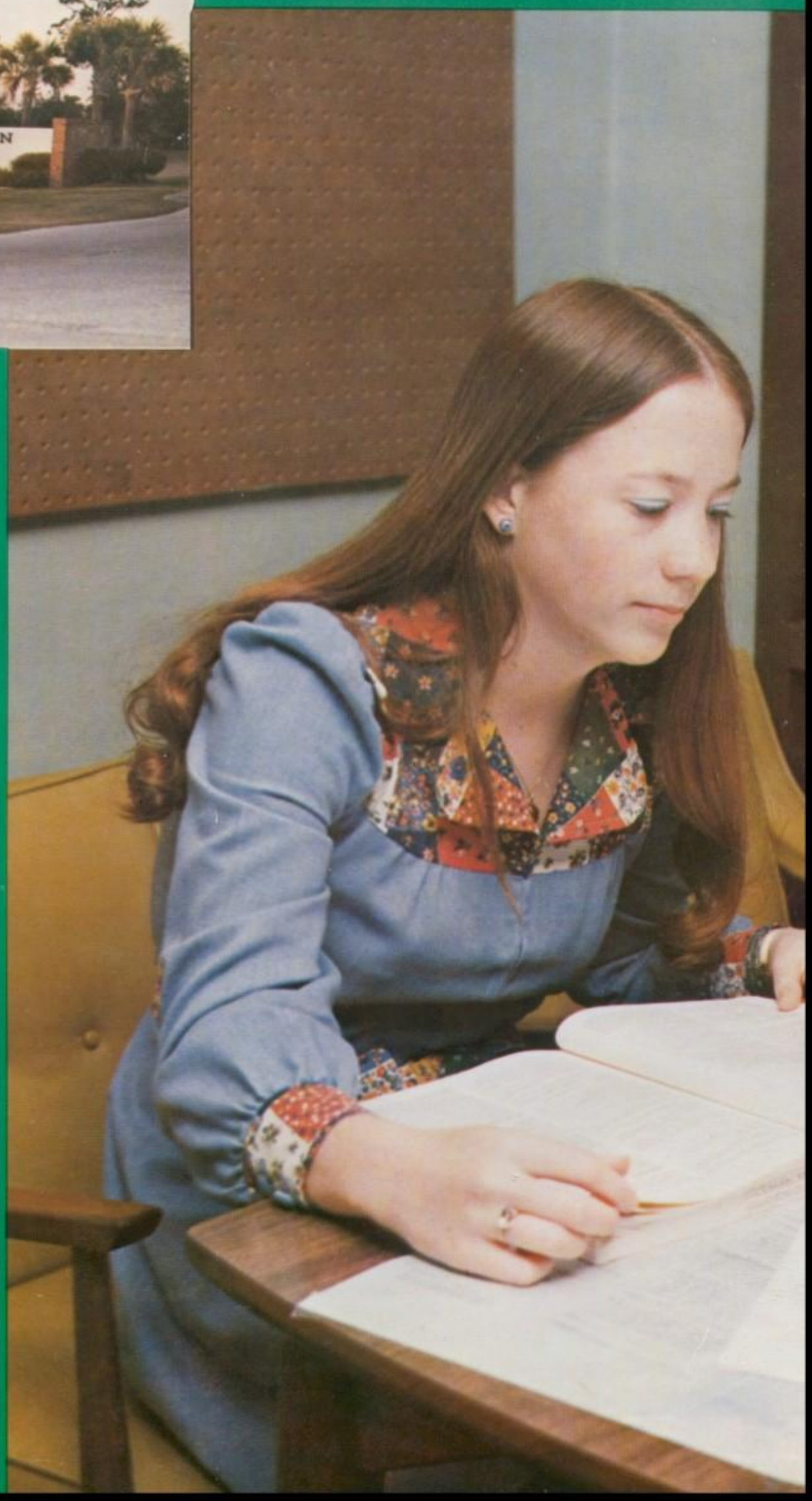

and preparing for the future.

AN ASSEMBLAGE OF 2,200 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS SHARING THOUGHTS, IDEAS, AND DREAMS IN AN EFFORT...

TO CAPTURE THE WORLD AS IT IS, TO APPRECIATE IT FOR WHAT IT WAS, AND ANTICIPATE WHAT IT COULD BE.

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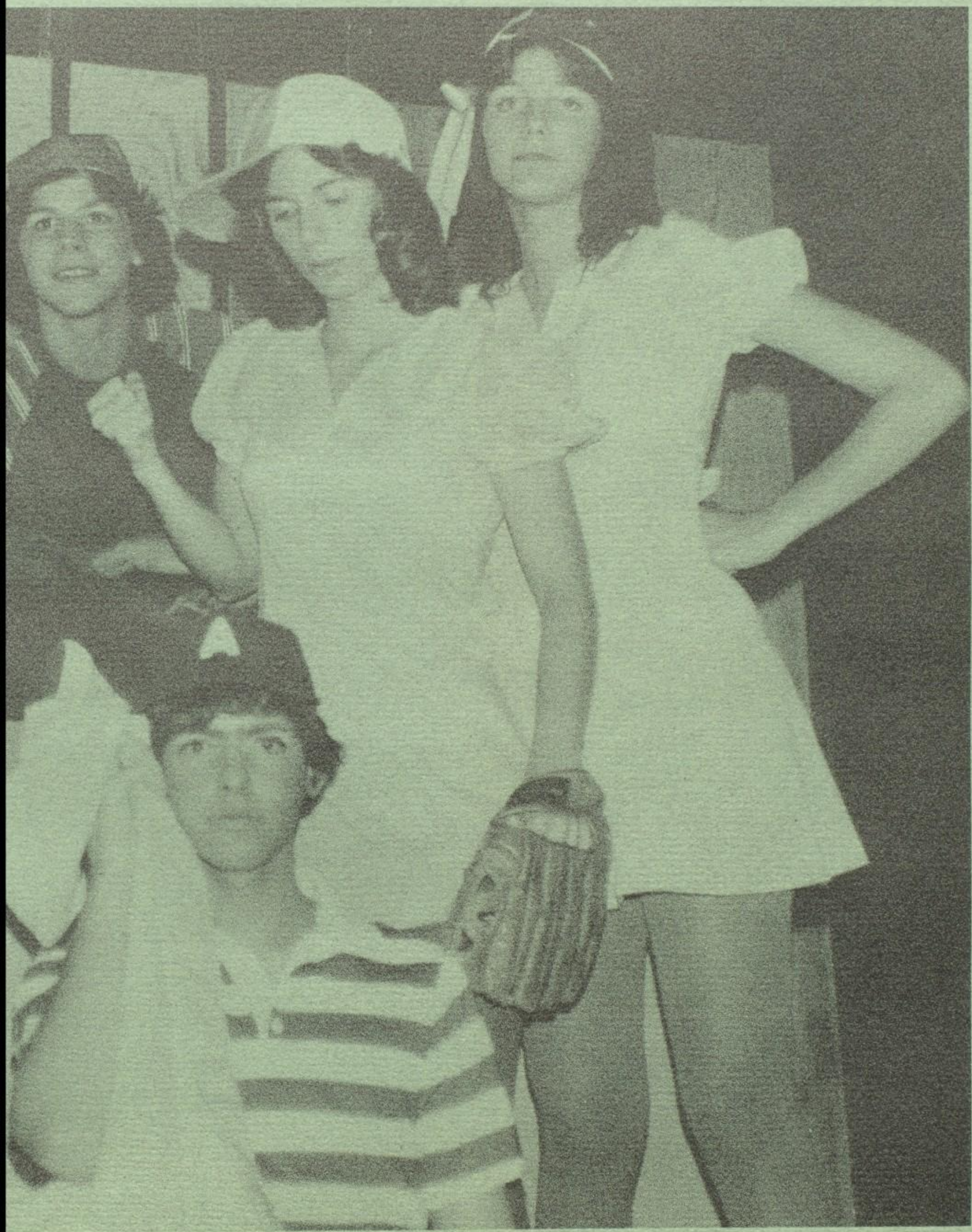

Highlights and activities of school that make our 180 days more pleasurable. Favorable memories of the '75-'76 school year we choose to savor and not readily store away as academic knowledge. Students interacting with each other — learning, playing, competing, striving for new experiences. All assembled in one large tribe highlighting the present through—

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Celebrating the two-hundredth anniversary of our nation's revolution with a—

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Life at Choctaw was a mixture of excitement when your date finally accepted; anticipation when the contest neared; disappointment when the election was lost; and sadness when "Pomp and Circumstance" echoed through the stadium. By experiencing these and many other special moments, we learned to interreact with our classmates. Through this association we realized our place in this world.

Assasination Attempts, Hurricane, Concorde Jetliners Encapsulate 1975 - '76 School Year

Patricia Anne Hearst, daughter of the newspaper tycoon, William Hearst, is escorted into the Los Angeles County jail after eluding FBI agents for more than 18 months. The California government has charged Miss Hearst with 11 counts of kidnapping, robbery, and assault.

SEPTEMBER

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme attempted to assassinate President Ford outside of the California state legislature complex in Sacramento on September 5. The Charles Manson follower failed in her attempt when the firing pin on her handgun jammed.

On September 15, juniors previewed a showcase set up by Herff Jones representatives for class rings. Exorbitant base prices forced many to pass up the once highly traditional artifact.

Pope Paul VI conducted a ceremony on September 14 that elevated Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton to sainthood. More than 100,000 onlookers in Saint Peter's Square viewed the rites which honored America's first native-born saint.

School elections were held for the three classes on September 16. After a two-week campaign circuit, Larry Barker, Steve Hall, Paul Petry, and Randy Sansom won the presidencies in Student Council, senior, junior, and sophomore classes, respectively.

September 18, Patty Hearst was captured by FBI officials ninety miles south of San Francisco. William and Emily Harris, members of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) which had alledgedly kidnapped Patty 19 months earlier, were also apprehended.

The Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs held a Pot Luck Youth Legislature kick-off dinner. Held on September 19, the dinner included guest speaker Jere Tolton, Fort Walton's incumbent state representative.

America almost lost its Commander-in-Chief for a second time in the same month when Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Ford while he was in Los Angeles campaigning on September 22. Miss Moore's gun shot was deflected by an innocent bystander.

Hurricane Eloise hit the Florida Panhandle on September 23 wreaking millions of dollars worth of damage to the "Miracle Strip" area between Fort Walton Beach and Panama City. In the wake of the storm, 30 Choctaw students aided in cleaning up the school grounds preparing it for operation several days earlier than maintenance had predicted.

On September 24 in a shocking disclosure, the Senate Intelligence Committee revealed that the CIA had been opening mail written to and by prominent American political figures for the past twenty years.

OCTOBER

October 2, Patty Hearst was indicted in Los Angeles on kidnapping, robbery, and assault charges.

The week of October 13-17 was Homecoming Week at Choctaw. Celebrating week long, all clubs participated in the newly founded Initiation Week. During these few days everything from mountain climbers to monkeys roamed the halls.

Congress, on October 17, overrode President Ford's veto on a $2.7 billion broadening of the federal school lunch and child nutrition program.

October 25 brought the fourth annual Miracle Strip Marching Festival to Memorial Stadium. More than 40 bands from surrounding states participated in the day-long affair, and were totally captivated when host band **Choctawhatchee Style Marchers** and guest band Troy State University's **Sound of the South** performed. Also, Choctaw junior James Given rode in the American Heart Association's annual cyclethon. Raising the most money, James was awarded a ten speed bicycle for his all-out effort.

The Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs sponsored their annual Halloween Carnival on October 30, and also helped bring the FSU Flying Circus to Fort Walton for a performance on November 1.

NOVEMBER

Twenty-nine students traveled to Houston, Texas on November 6 to participate in a regional forensics tournament. Those who won awards from CHS were Deanna Duff, third Standard Poetry; Tammy Fortenberry, third Novice Poetry; Jennie Bennet, second Novice Duet Acting; Fraser Sherman, second Novice Duet Acting and "Best Actor."

"Showdown '76" was held in Memorial Stadium on Friday, November 21. Cross-town rivals, Fort Walton HS Vikings and CHS Indians met before an estimated 18,000 fans. The football crowd previewed the halftime performance the **Style Marchers** would present that Sunday in Miami's Orange Bowl. The November 23 appearance was the band's sixth in the Orange Bowl with an annual invitation extended by Dolphin officials.

New York City was granted a loan of $2.3 billion on November 26 to keep it from bankruptcy. President Ford, after much pressure and controversy on the matter, asked Congress to give the "Big Apple" a helping hand.

DECEMBER

On December 3, Choctaw students discovered five of our leading cross-country runners had been selected by area coaches as the **Pensacola News-Journal's** Northwest Florida Cross-Country Runners of the Year. Mike Clay was selected as number one, Steve Haug second, Mike Curtis fourth, Mike Haug seventh, Tom Kidder eighth.

Junior Miss was held on December 6 in the CHS auditorium. Chosen as the new Fort Walton Beach Junior Miss was senior Tammy Fortenberry who later went on to win first runner-up in the state-wide pageant.

On December 7, a Prayer Parade was held in Fort Walton with Mayor Gene Smith and state representative Jerry Melvin heading the crusade. Proceeding down Racetrack Road, the march ended at Choctaw's Memorial Stadium where the audience heard Alabama governor George Wallace speak in favor of prayer in the nation's public schools.

The Christmas spirit was instilled at Choctaw as homerooms and clubs displayed their conceptions of the Christmas message. Interact sponsored a door decorating contest, while Junior Tri-Hi-Y sponsored a club mural contest. Judged on December 18, Mrs. Betty Harrison's homeroom won the door contest and Beta Club won the mural contest.

JANUARY

On January 22, 23, and 24, Mike Clay, Lisa Weber, Becky Wildberger, Bill Ralph, and Greg Hobson attended the Thirteenth Florida Science, Engineering, and Humanities Symposium at the University of Florida.

January 22 and 23, seniors placed orders for graduation supplies. Capitalizing on America's two-hundredth celebration of its revolution, students were sufficiently bicentennialized to death. Free enterprise seemed to invade even this honored anniversary.

Student Council held its annual talent show on January 23. Senior Terri Walters won the event, Everette Parrish captured second, and Jim Parrish copped third. Also on the 23rd, presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan made a campaign appearance at the Ramada Inn.

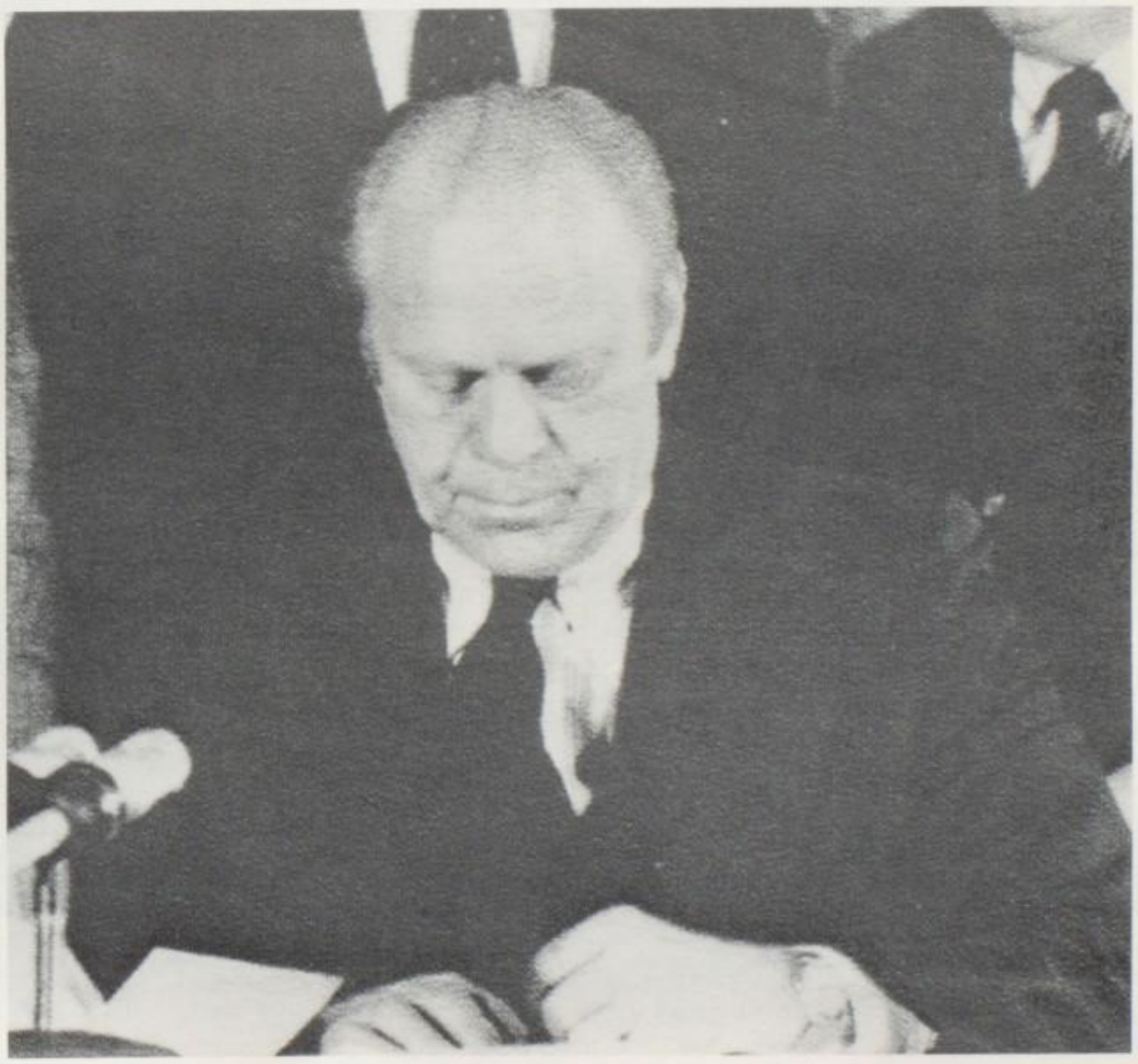
FEBRUARY

Racial tension flared up once again at Pensacola's Escambia High School. More than 1500 students battled on February 5 over the controversial "rebel" mascot. Police apprehended one student with a concealed handgun and arrested fifteen others on rioting charges.

On February 17, junior Vicky Scherer was announced as Choctaw's STAR student for 1976. Also that day, twenty speech and drama students participated in the District I Forensics Tournament at the University of West Florida.

Latin Honor members traveled to Pensacola's Washington High School on February 21 to compete in the Latin District Forum. Winners were Sue Mills, first in Mythology; Kevin Johnson, second in Roman Customs; Anthony Freathy, second in Latin I Grammar; Richard Brickman, third in Mythology.

The District I contest for the Future Business Leaders of America was held on February 21. CBE contestant awards went to Cathy Cray, second in accounting; Sharon Cosgrove, second



President Gerald Ford signs the highly controversial money grant for New York City in hopes of saving it from bankruptcy. Pressure from Congress gave the grant its final passage.

in spelling; Kelly McNeil, third in Parliamentary Procedure; Cathy Guin, first in Public Speaking; Sharon Rasmussen, first in Senior Clerk Typists; Leslie Fails, third place President's award; Choctaw CBE, Best Club award.

Steve Hall, Debbie Padden, Bobby Johnson, and Fraser Sherman learned on February 24 that they were selected as finalists in the 1976 National Merit Scholarship contest.

The Santa Rosa Mall opened for business on February 25. Fort Walton citizens now had competitive merchandising to participate in; "What a difference!"

Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y club members left on February 26 to attend the 19th annual Youth Legislature session in Tallahassee. Returning on February 28, the 64 CHS participants brought with them over half the state awards.

MARCH

Mu Alpha Theta sponsored a national mathematics test for all interested students on March 9. One hundred-forty-six students participated in the two hour long exam.

On March 13, the Downtown Businessmen's Association initiated their shuttle service along the Miracle Strip Parkway. A British-built double-decker bus served as the novel form of transportation.

Student Council sponsored "Twerp Week" March 16-19, which saw girls reversing roles with boys; escorting them to class and carrying their books. Topping off the unconventional week was the even more unorthodox Twerp Dance Contest. Winners were Nancy Bixby and Bruce Gleneck.

Wheelettes held their annual "Mr. Mock CHS" contest on March 13. Winners were Jim Parrish, Mr. Mock CHS; Steve Hall, first runner-up; Chuck Boudreau, second runner-up; Gary Eckel, Mr. Sweetie Pie; Charles "Bull" Rigdon, Mr. Physique.

APRIL

Billionaire Howard Hughes was rushed from Acapulco, Mexico for emergency treatment at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas on April 5. His death during a diabetic coma set off a flurry of falsified wills, each claiming rightful inheritance to the multi-billion dollar estate.

Smoke Signals held their first annual Way-Out Games on April 24, as a fund raising project. Hi-Y won the games, with Leo taking second, and Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y third.

Teachers and students alike helped Student Council present an Indian modified "Hee Haw" show. The April 27 spectacle gave teachers a chance to roast themselves and their students.

April 28-May 1, CHS choristers competed at state level competition before accredited judges at FSU. Superior performances were delivered before a panel of highly impressed judges by the four performing groups.

MAY

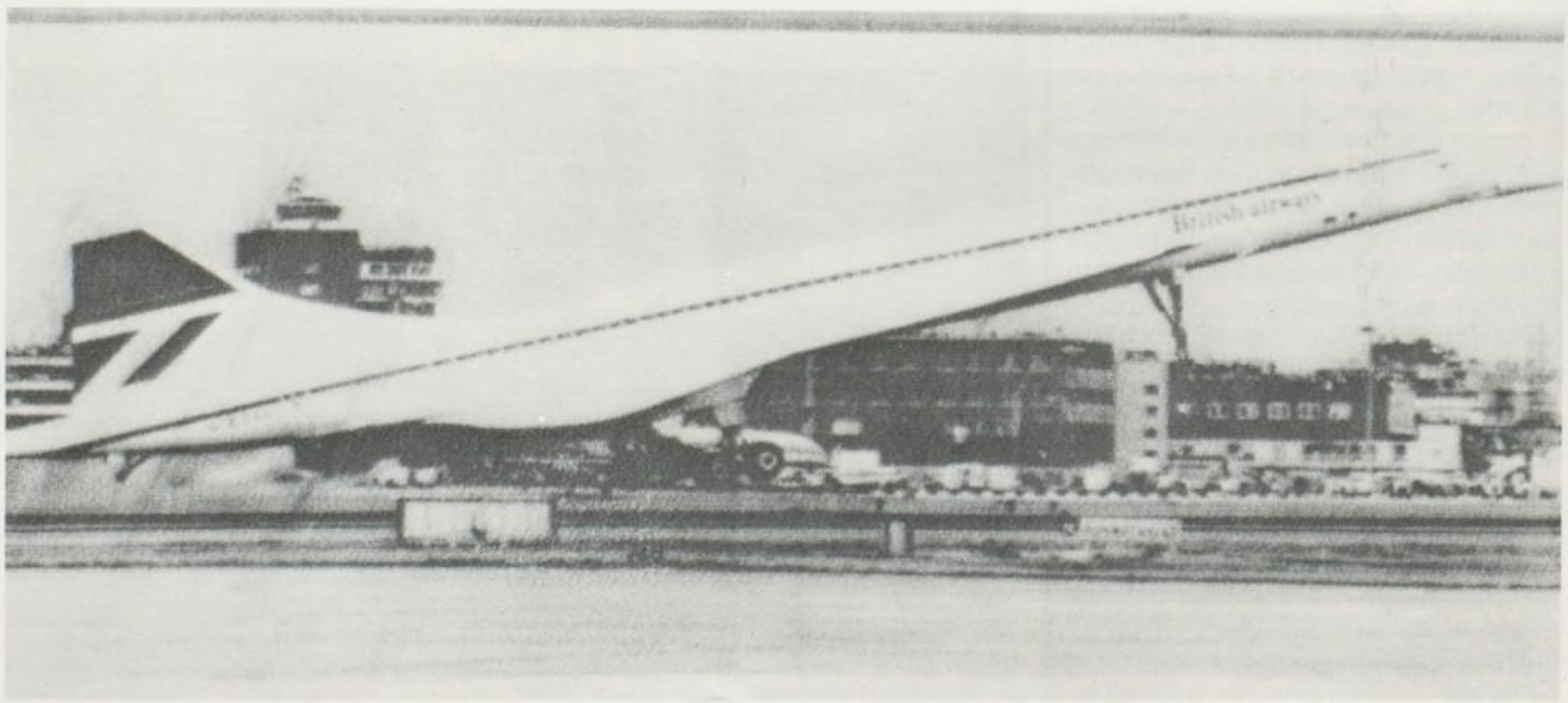
The following week on May 8 in Fort Walton Beach High School auditorium, both Choctaw's Symphonic and Concert bands received a superior rating for their performances at the state level of competition.

Steve Hall and Debbie Padden were notified on May 13 that they were two of the 1,485 recipients of Merit Scholarships for 1976. Steve received his scholarship to FSU, while Debbie received hers to the University of Florida.

Tammy Fortenberry and Mike Bowyer were informed on May 20 that they had been chosen as valedictorian and salutorian of their class.

The junior-senior prom was held on May 22 at the Ramada Inn. Following a bicentennial theme, the Blue Room was decorated as a colonial garden during a spring evening.

Two Concorde supersonic jetliners were allowed to land on American soil May 24. The two flights, one an **Air France** from Paris International and the other a **BOAC** from Heathrow in London, landed at the Dulles International Airport outside of Washington, D.C. The federal government initiated an 18 month noise-ozone pollution study conducted by the FAA in conjuction with airport authorities at Dulles and John F. Kennedy International in



On May 24, 1976, the British Airlines concorde jet departs Heathrow Airport on its Trans-Atlantic journey to Dulles International Airport in Arlington, Virginia. The historic flight is scheduled to take three hours-fifty minutes.

New York City.

Tomahawk held its assembly on May 24 in preparation of the summer-delivered book. John Stercho, editor-in-chief, displayed the cover and announced distribution procedures for the August delivery. The student body cheered when they learned the book carried a kelley green cover, instead of a "red, white and blue special."

Elections for the succeeding school year's Student Council were held May 25. After a runoff the following morning, Amy Autry was announced as the upcoming president; Gary Phillips, vice-president; Linda Gotith, secretary; Laura McCarthy, treasurer. While elections were held for juniors and sophomores in the gym, seniors were honored by sophomore volunteers in the auditorium with Senior Appreciation Day.

May 28 saw the final day of school arrive for seniors. *No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks . . .*

JUNE

Graduation activities commenced as the Class of '76 slowly faded away. Baccalaureate held jointly with Fort Walton Beach High School was delivered the night of June 1. Senior Breakfast and Senior Honors' Night came on June 2.

Highlight of the week, the year, and every senior's past twelve school years, **Graduation** Ceremonies, came on the night of June 3.

June 9 arrives. Faculty, administration, juniors, and sophomores rejoice as the school year closes. Noon approaches, students tense, teachers relievingly sigh. The dismal bell rings releasing students to the long awaited summer and faculty to another week of post-planning.

A dramatic surface photograph of the planet Mars taken by the ***Viking I Lander*** *Saturday, July 25, 1976.* ***Viking I*** *is the first craft from earth to land on the* ***Red Planet*** *and perform scientific investigations to determine possible life existence. Mysterious figures resembling the letters* ***B*** *and* ***G*** *appear at the extreme left of the picture* (arrow). *Scientists at the Jet Propulsion laboratory in Pasadena, California, explained them as shadows or an illusion caused by weathering processes, but failed to comment on the possibility of them being a Martian stone carver's discarded ware.*

Presidential Candidates Arrive In Northwest Florida For Campaigning In Bicentennial Year

This Bicentennial year was also election year for our country. Many of the presidential candidates visited Northwest Florida to campaign in one of the biggest and most important primaries.

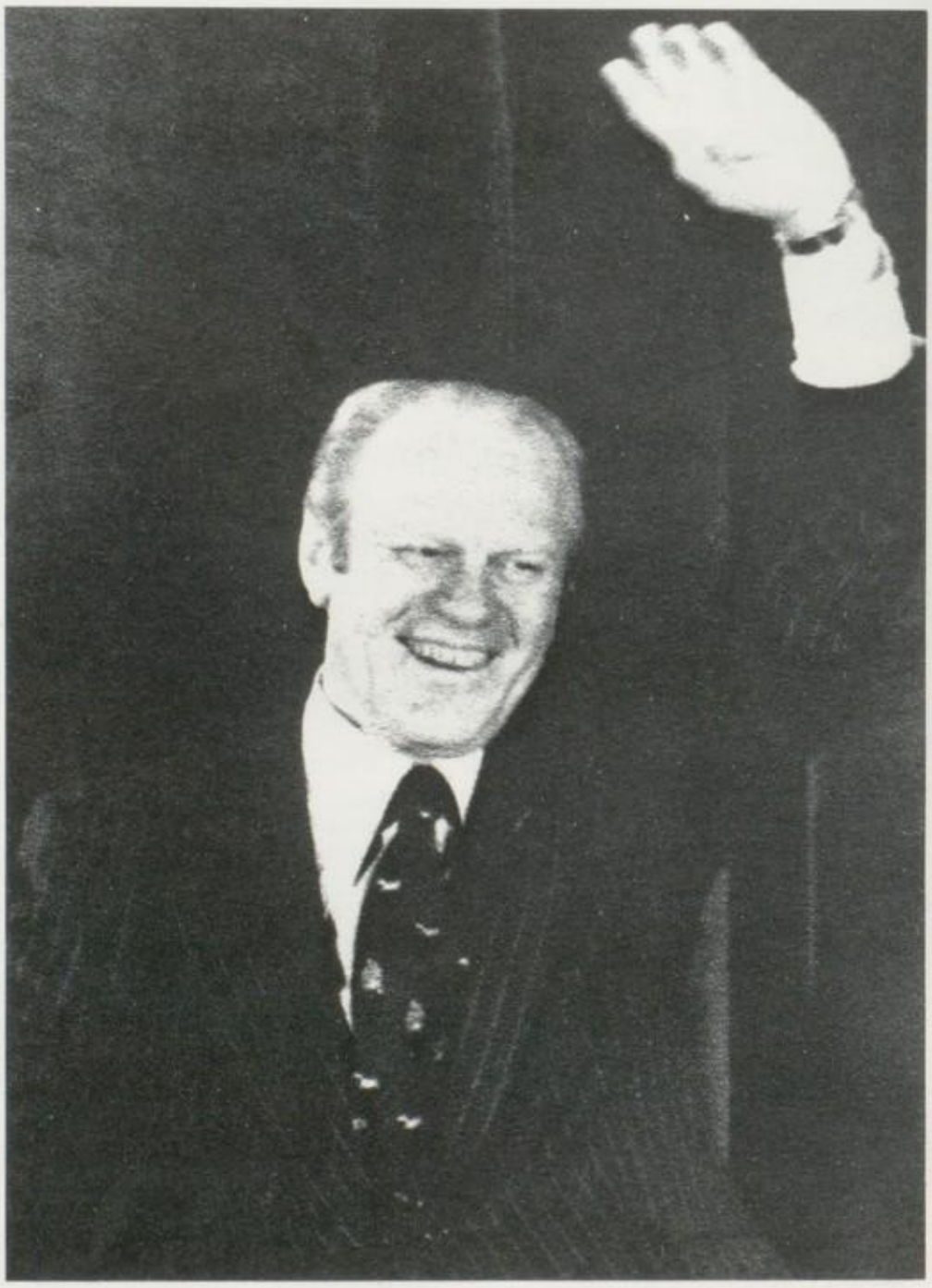
When our own town of Fort Walton Beach was having disputes over prayers in public schools, Governor George Wallace of Alabama came to speak on the issue. It was a rainy day and the rally was held in Memorial Stadium next to Choctawhatchee. A sparse crowd came to listen to the governor and hear his views.

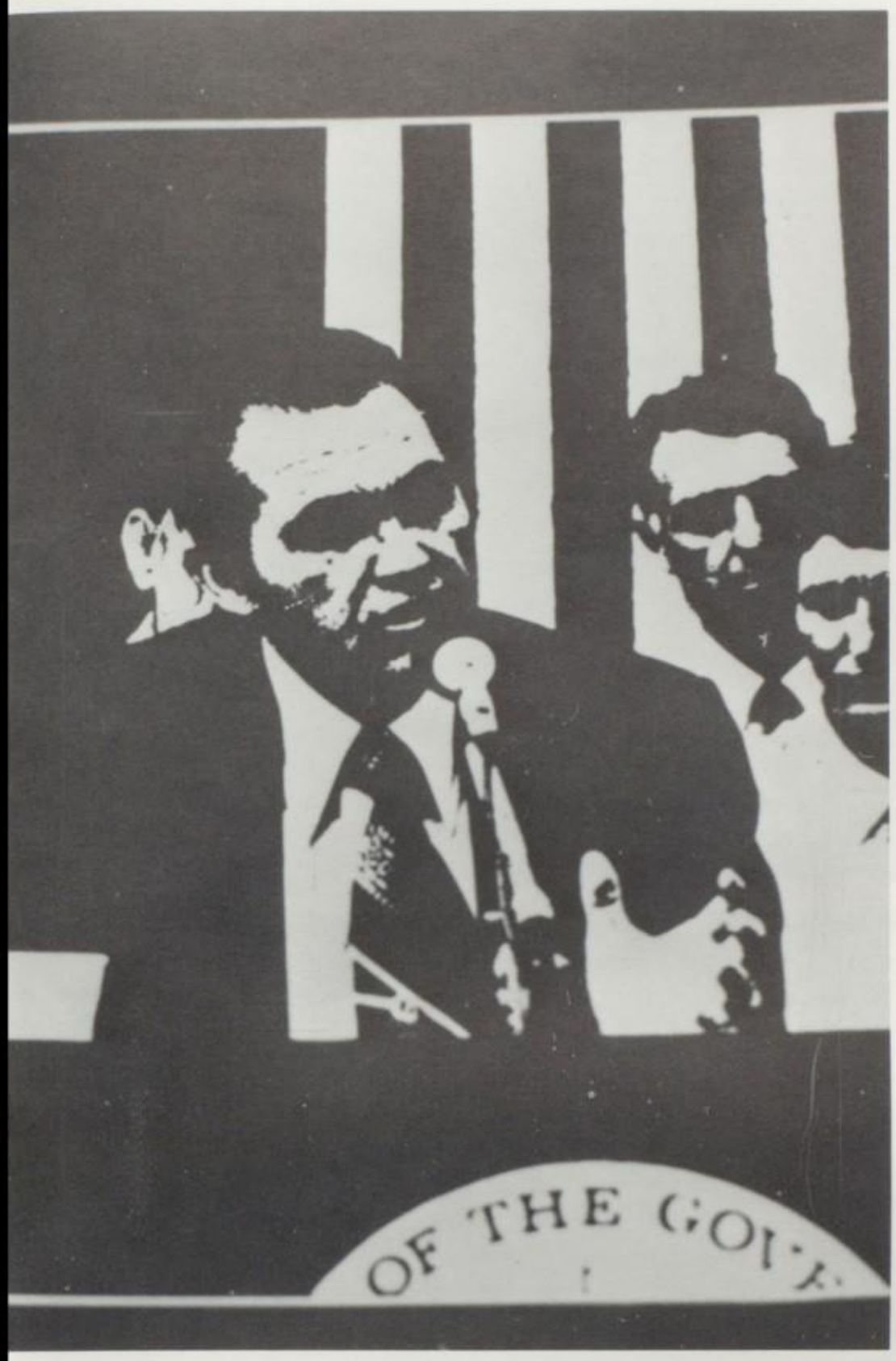
Jimmy Carter, former governor of Georgia, visited our neighboring city of Pensacola, which proved to be a worthwhile trip. Even President Ford campaigned in this area.

Presidential nominees were beginning to see the importance of the growing area of Northwest Florida, as was proved this past year. Since Fort Walton has increased in size, it has attracted more campaign offices. In the coming year, more campaigning can be expected.

Top Right: Jimmy Carter and friends look over the speech he will give to his supporters. Good speeches and the right form are important to all the presidential nominees.

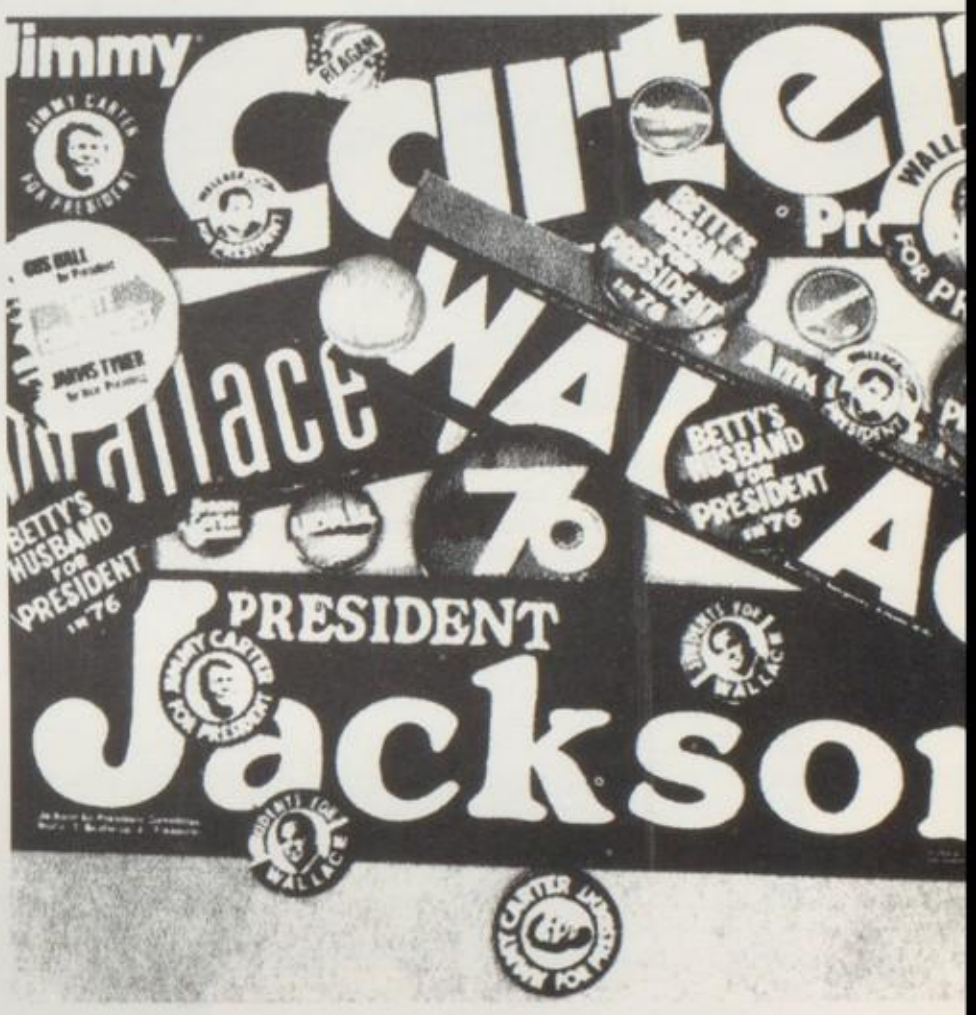
Center Left: Ronald Reagan, former governor of California, signs autographs at one of his political rallies. Reagan seems to have a lot of appeal and was considered for vice president.





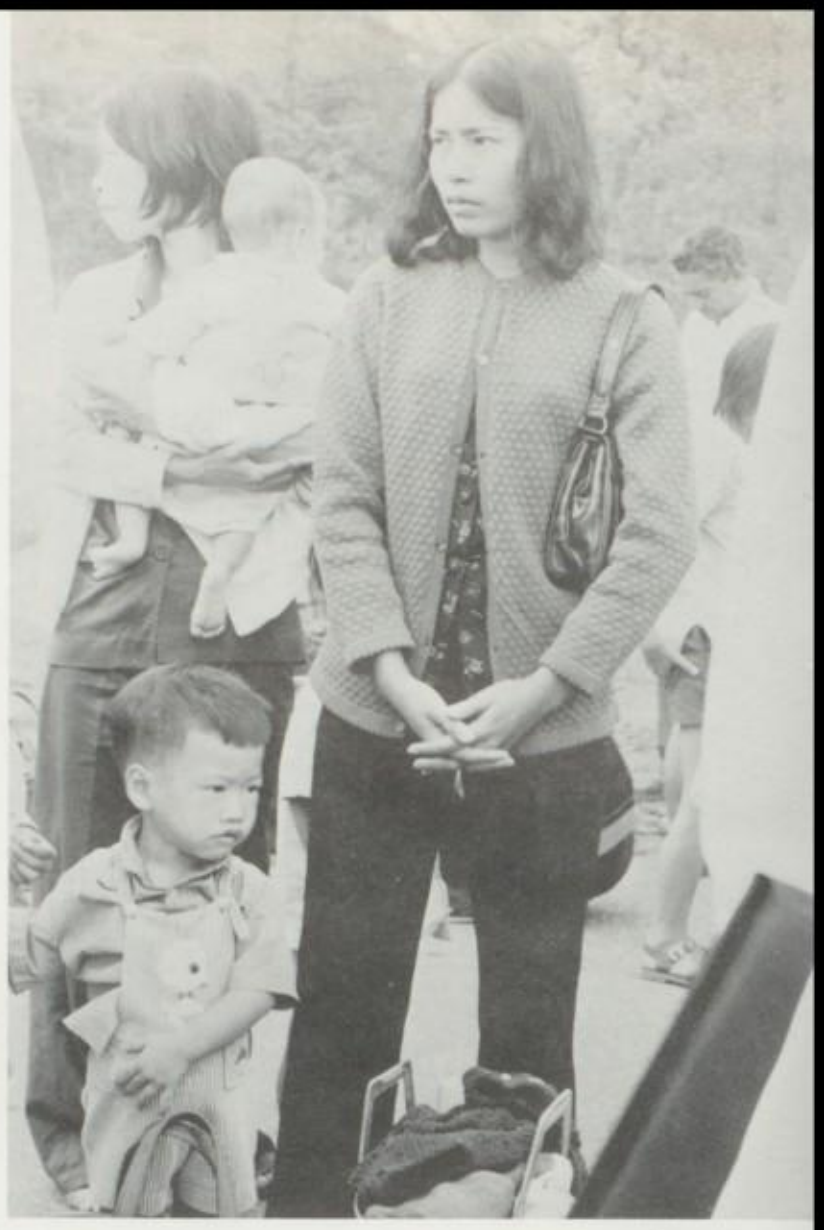
Top Left: Governor George Wallace of Alabama gives a typical pose as he talks forcefully to the people. Governor Wallace was the only nominee to speak on a non-elective issue.

Top Right: Buttons and bumper stickers display choices given to the people in the 1976 presidential election. These are always a favorite way of showing who you support.



Bottom Right: Governor Jimmy Carter of Georgia shakes the hand of an 82-year-old retiree at a retirement home in Florida. Carter is the Democratic Presidential nominee.

Bottom Left: President Ford gives a warm greeting to all his supporters everywhere in the country. Things look good for him in all the presidential primaries.



Top Left: Reporters and camera men add to the confusion at the camp. The constant flow of new arrivals from Guam keeps Air Force personnel and volunteers busy.

Top Right: While waiting for assignment to her family's tent, a Vietnamese woman seems deep in thought. The drastic change of surroundings seems to upset the life-styles of many.

Bottom Right: Even though their homeland is far away, Vietnamese children have activities at the camp to keep them occupied. The large amount of attention they get is welcomed.

7500 Asian Evacuees Given Temporary Shelter At Eglin Air Force Base "Tent City"

With the invasion of communist North Vietnam into democratic South Vietnam came the fear of punishment to the free world sympathizers. This called for an immediate evacuation of the South Vietnamese who were in danger of communist retaliation for their cooperation with the United States.

The U.S. mounted a large scale evacuation, and in some instances, actually gathered people out of the water of the South China Sea. The refugees were taken to Clark A.F.B. in Guam for medical and government screening. After they passed their screening, the Vietnamese were sent to one of four bases: Eglin A.F.B., Fla.; Ft. Chaffee, Ark.; Indian Town Gap, Penn.; or Camp Pendleton, Calif. The Eglin evacuees were assigned to a "tent city" where they were given food, shelter, and clothing. Special classes were given in English and American culture. Religious services were held and numerous other activities were planned to keep themselves and other refugees active.

The purpose of the "tent city" was to shelter the Vietnamese until sponsors could be found. They were then established into jobs and lifestyles of the community.

The Vietnamese who presently attend Choctaw stated that they enjoyed the school and were sure that they were already a part of it. Some said it was a little difficult adjusting to at first.

Top Left: The arrival of the Vietnamese to Eglin Air Force Base causes a lot of confusion on both sides. They arrive in a strange, new country with many different customs.

Bottom Left: Many of the refugees left a lot of possessions behind when they came to the U.S.A. The standard of living for most of the Vietnamese was greatly reduced.

Center Right: The "tent city", located near the city of Niceville, caused rumors about negative feelings towards the refugees. These rumors are shown false as a welcoming banner is displayed.

Top Center: Tornado damage to the west end of Choctaw's roof causes leaking to the ground floor. A week later, more rain floods this hall, resulting in yet another holiday.

Center Left: Extensive damage to beach dwellings is temporarily ignored as emergency crews work to return power to residents by utilizing mobile generators and double shifts.

Bottom Left: Relics of the cleanup silently underline the unusual events at Choctaw: damage from careless evacuees is nearly as bad as that from the wind and rain.

School, Area Suffer Heavy Damage Due To September's Powerful Winds, Torrential Rains

Eloise began as a light fall rain but became the most powerful and destructive hurricane ever to hit the Panhandle. The rain started three days before she came ashore at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 23. Wind gusts ranged between 85 to 125 mph., and tides rose eight to twelve feet along the coastline.

As the storm drew close, local schools were opened as Red Cross Shelters. Ironically, Choctaw, holding approximately 4000 evacuees, suffered extreme damage. Windows were blown in and sections of the roof torn away, resulting in water damage to classrooms, equipment, and the gym, which had to be refloored. The expensive destruction was also caused in part by the behavior of careless evacuees. Although no classes were held Monday through Wednesday, some 60 students came to Choctaw to assist in the cleanup effort.

Massive city-wide clean-up were activated. Rubbage was scattered throughout the streets after 200 roofs were torn off and thousands of trees uprooted. Gov. Askew ordered the National Guard into the area to prevent looting and help clear the debris. Damage to coastal areas was set at $40 million.

Top Right: Sailboats at the Yacht Club bobs in the wake of unexpected hurricane Eloise – the greatest losses come from damaged boating equipment in local marinas.

Bottom Right: Mr. Kyzer takes charge of a task force of Choctaw's club members. They ready the littered rooms for reopening on Thursday and make national news that night.

Bottom Center: Discouraged boat owners survey the demolition caused by floods and high winds at the Yacht Club – few anchored near the shore escaping wave damage.

Choctaw Youth Legislature Delegates Take TOP Awards, Seven Head To National Affairs

Each year students from all over the state of Florida meet in Tallahassee in late February to participate in Florida's YMCA Youth Legislature Program. This program broadens the students' understanding of the legislative process which adds to their respect for the entire democratic process which has faithfully served this nation and its people for 200 years of freedom.

This year 57 students attended the Youth Legislature session from Choctaw. These students were all active members of either the Hi-Y or Tri-Hi-Y clubs, here at Choctaw, and worked from October to February in preparation for this trip. During this time participants were taught parliamentary procedure and techniques of good debate. In December all interested students were required to attend a Pre-Legislature session at Gulf Breeze HS.

Once in Tallahassee the participants took over the actual jobs of delegates, officers, and officials. The majority of the students took positions as delegates who debated bills as either senators or representatives. Others were elected to serve as Youth Governor and other important government officials.

Once again, as in previous years, the Choctaw delegation proved its ability by taking over 75 percent of all the awards presented. The most distinguished award was to be chosen as a delegate to attend the National Affairs Conference, held in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina every summer. This year, as in the past, Florida was allotted 12 National Affairs Delegates, 7 of whom came from Choctaw: Brenda Bludworth, Arno Justman, Bev McPhail, Tammy Fortenberry, Steve Hall, John Stercho, Jim Sconnely.

Center Left: Steve Hall, 1976 Governor for Youth Legislature, and Florida Governor, Reuben Askew, discuss the bills debated during the legislative sessions at the capital.

Bottom Right: Many of the students from the Fort Walton Beach Delegation assemble on the steps of the capital while waiting for some important information from their sponsor, Mr. Don Kyzer.

Bottom Left: Mike Waldron, a senior delegate, sits quietly in his chair, in the House of Representatives, while pondering the legislation presently on the House floor.

Top Right: The larger of the two chambers, The House of Representatives, is quiet and attentive as Steve Hall reminds the delegates of their need to pass effective legislation.

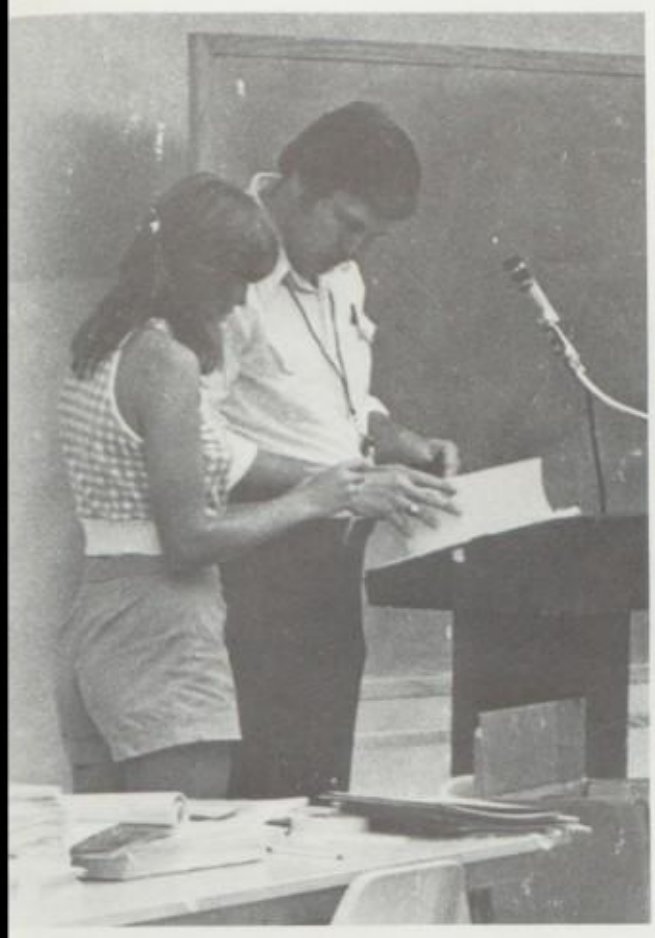
Top Left: Outstanding delegates from Choctaw at the 1976 Youth Legislature are: Jim Sconnely, Bev McPhail, Todd Crumpler, Tammy Fortenberry, and sophomore Robert Harden.

Top Right: The square dance proves fun for all as Mr. and Mrs. George Neid express their talent as they do-si-do around the lunchroom. They are members of the Square Dancer's Asn.

Top Left: During the fast paced action of the dance, Mrs. Neid, Mrs. Dodie Bradley, and Mr. Foley Wood take a break before going back onto the dance floor.

Bottom Left: Karen Park, president of Wheelettes puts her skills to work during a morning session of the retreat. She finds keeping order is not so easy.

Bottom Right: Unifying the school's leaders is the main aim of the retreat. The picnic on the Blackwater River helped execute this while also providing enjoyable entertainment.



125 Students Attend Second Annual Leaders Retreat, Learn Qualities of Good Leadership

The Leaders' Retreat is now an annual event here at Choctawhatchee. Held in the fall, its purpose is to provide each person with the necessary tools to become an effective and efficient leader. Although the first retreat was a weekend outing at Camp Ada, this year's retreat took place at school because of rising costs. More students benefitted from this since anyone could attend. Previously it was restricted to club officers.

More than 100 students came to school that morning to become better leaders. Each received a manual packed full of ideas on leadership. Participants spent most of the day studying the manual, but did manage several breaks for lunch and sport activities.

The final event was held in the lunchroom a week after the retreat itself ended. Sgt. Foley Wood, one of Choctaw's AFROTC teachers, headed a square dance which climaxed a weekend of diligent study. In addition to the retreat, the group held a picnic on the shores of the Blackwater River near Milton.

Top Left: Interclub Council Chairperson Bev McPhail and Student Activities Director Mr. Don Kyzer go over last-minute details before the retreat gets underway.

Bottom Right: At the Leaders' Retreat Picnic students have fun playing competition games. The picnic was held in place of a canoe trip cancelled due to high water.

Top Right: The Indian spirit doesn't quite give the pep rallies that extra needed boast this year. Pep Rallies seem to be more of a social gathering than a showing of CHS pride.

Bottom Left: Pop Marler, our number one Big Green Indian, gets the pep rally audience fired up for tonight's football game. This is Pop's twenty-third year of constant support to CHS.

Bottom Right: Sexy Six, our newest group of cheerleaders, are all ready to do "Don't Be A Turkey." Members are L. Barker, B. Gleneck, R. Fendick, P. Petry, S. Hall, and A. Justman.

Seniors, Sophomores Yell It Out For "Most Spirited," Juniors Stuck In Middle Of War

Pep rallies this year were something different from the ones in the past. A new seating arrangement allowed the juniors to be together as a group. They could, now, show some school spirit as a whole class. Because of Hurricane Eloise's damage to the already overcrowded gym, pep rallies were moved to the stadium. Even though there was more room so students didn't have to sit like sardines, being outside had its disadvantages. The sound was lost with all the wide open space and the weather wasn't always the best. Remember the rain during the Homecoming Pep Rally and how it just happened to stop after everyone got inside the building?

Classes this year showed a lot of spirit. The sophomores, due to an identity crisis, did nothing at the first pep rally, but with some experience, rallied back to win Most Spirited. Juniors showed little spirit at the beginning of the year and remained apathetic throughout the year. Seniors were really up for the pep rallies. They intended to follow the tradition that seniors are, of course, the most spirited. The prize for Most Spirited Class for 1975-76, however, went to both the seniors and the sophomores.

Top Left: Our new head football coach and athletic director, Coach Feely, spreads a few optimistic words over the student body. This has become a regular at the pep rallies.

Bottom Right: Many clubs participated in pep rallies this year giving us some very unusual skits. All centered around Choctaw killing their next opponents in the up-coming game.

How Would You Like To Meet A Were-wolf? Two Choctaw Activities Make It Possible

Were-wolves, vampires, and the hunch-back of Notre Dame roamed the halls on Halloween, but looked very typical among the "do your own thing" crowd at CHS. Some activity was always going on at Choctaw to bring a little well-appreciated life to dull school days. One such activity was the annual Halloween Carnival sponsored by the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y clubs.

Everyone tried desperately to get their frustrations out at the dunking booth. Even though it was a chilly night many students and teachers took the plunge. Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y invented a handwriting analysis booth that actually lit up and told you all your inner secrets. And of course there was the Haunted House. Long lines waited all night to enter the dark depths of Mad Dr. Kyzer's Lab. Some of the braver ones even went back for seconds.

Another hilarious activity was the Dating Game, sponsored by the ICC. It was conducted much like the original television show, but with a little more flair. Debbie Floyd got a shock when the announcer, Mr. Kyzer, brought out her date. It was were-wolf Steve Hall! Prizes awarded were dinners for two at well-known restaurants in town.

Seven students vying for the title of Mr. and Miss Irresistible madly constructed paper chains from links bought by fans. Vicky Scherer and Larry Barker's chains reached the fartherest up the aisle and down the hall. Each became a contestant in the Dating Game and trophies were awarded to them. A trophy was also given to the "Most Loveable Club" for the largest turn-out. Clubs also helped ICC with decorations.

Top Right: Tami Cox smiles even as she goes for a plunge in the Junior Tri-Hi-Y dunking booth. It's three tries for 25c and a chance to see your favorite person get dunked.

Bottom Left: The mummy, alias John Cherniga, does an original dance for the audience. Debbie Floyd is deciding who is the best dancer by the reaction of the audience

Bottom Right: Mike Welborn carries his new "bride" Bruce Gleneck over the threshold after a unique wedding. The ceremonies are popular with students as well as teachers.

Top Left: Terrifying vampire John Stercho envelopes Debbie Floyd in his cape. Debbie laughs because she knows it's all in fun at the annual Halloween Carnival.

Top Right: Last but not least, werewolf Steve Hall! Debbie Floyd, CHS Homecoming queen, chose Steve on a basis of his humorous and interesting answers.

Bottom Left: Larry Barker asks questions of Choctaw's Homecoming attendants in "The Dating Game." The beautifully decorated stage adds to the fun and excitement.

Traditional Homecoming Spirit Brought Back By Enthusiastic Choctawhatchee Students

Homecoming '75 was very unusual for it was held on a Saturday and many varied activities took place the week before. Initiations were held, attendants were chosen, and floats were built, all in preparation for the big day. Because the gym floor was under repair, the pep rally was held inside the stadium, which proved to be disastrous. The rainy weather cut the rally short, therefore, it was continued during all three lunch periods.

The Madrigals and Myriah entertained the students during lunch. Many club initiates were forced to get up and dance, but the highlight was when Mr. and Mrs. Jones hopped and jumped the jitterbug.

Later, during lunch, ICC Chairperson Bev McPhail, announced the clubs' gentlemen and sweethearts.

Center: The class attendants, the Homecoming Queen, and their escorts are revealed to the student body at the morning pep rally. Ominous clouds threaten the morning rally.

Bottom Right: Mr. and Mrs. Jones, music teachers at Choctawhatchee, get into the swing of things as they dance the jitterbug to the music of a local band, Myriah.

Top Left: 1975-1976 Homecoming Queen Debbie Floyd and Senior Attendant Cindy Vega discuss clothes, cars, and escorts in preparation for Choctaw's 1975 Homecoming.

Top Right: The Music Honor Club Car. Howie Joines, President; Laurie Wright, Sweetheart; Luke Gontarek, Gentleman; Gail Grimes, Vice President; and Courtney Land, driver.

Bottom: Many of Choctaw's alumni return to their Alma Mater during Homecoming. Dave Yelverton, Richard Freshwater, Richard Maris, and Jim Madaris observe the festivities.

Top Left: Wheelettes and Interact sponsored the winning Homecoming float for 1975; a red, white, and blue Uncle Sam hat which depicts their bicentennial spirit.

Top Right: Senior Debbie Floyd, escorted by Student Council President Larry Barker, is all smiles as Principal Ben Brown crowns her Homecoming Queen 1975-1976.

Bottom Right: Sophomore Attendant, Lisa Signorelli; Senior Attendant, Cindy Vega; Junior Attendant, Diane Weaver; and Homecoming Queen Debbie Floyd.

Choctaw Homecoming Parade Big Success With Its Theme 'Victory Prevails 1776-1976'

Saturday night proved to be the climax of Choctaw's best Homecoming ever. The festivities began with the annual Homecoming parade. More clubs and organizations had floats and cars entered in the parade than in any previous year. CBE won the award for the best decorated car and the prize-winning class float was won by the sophomore class.

The Stylemarchers' pre-game show was highlighted by the crowning of Homecoming Queen Miss Debbie Floyd. The Homecoming Queen and her court were dressed in red, white, and blue antebellum gowns for the 45-minute parade.

The Student Council sponsored a Homecoming dance, which was held after the game. The feature band, "Myriah," played rock music to a packed house of spirited Indians. A 42-0 over Rutherford plus the Choctaw Student Council had succeeded in bringing back that good old Homecoming spirit.

Center: The Choctawhatchee Homecoming Court of 1975-1976, chosen earlier by the student body, is proudly revealed to the many loyal fans and supporters.

Bottom Left: Allen Chapman, Howie Joines, Jeff Myers, and Steve Myers, the members of Myriah, play at the Student Council sponsored Homecoming dance.

Students Exhibit Many Creative Talents In Varieties of Different Hobbies, Jobs, Sports

Choctaw pride was traditionally exhibited in the classroom, on the gridiron, and in other fields of competition. But for some students, the competitive spirit took a back seat to the creative spirit. These students sought unique and special ways to express their individuality. They tried to learn about life in ways textbooks didn't explore.

Sports held the key for some. Building dune buggies, creating new methods of riding a surf or skateboard, cutting a higher rooster tail on a slalom all provided students with that feeling of success.

Students also found an abundant assortment of occupations to satisfy their interests. Some served as area life guards and camp counselors. Many turned in their books for ski handles and were transformed into zany performers, while some students preferred to instruct.

Top Left: Performing in many area musicals is an important pastime of Jennie Bennett. According to Jennie, everyone should try acting once, and is sure that it could help people.

Center Right: Along with many of her other duties, "swabbing the deck" is only a part of Debbie McKenny's job as a deckhand on a local Charter boat located in Destin.

Bottom Left: To gourmet Bill Loy, cooking is fun. So much fun, in fact, that he once made fifteen gallons of spaghetti sauce, complete with meatballs, as his piece de resistance.

Opposite Page: The Junior Choir of the Westminster Church proves to be a real challenge to director David Everly as he strives to get a program together for each Sunday.

Opportunities Abound For Creative Hobbies, Occupations At CHS, Miracle Strip Locale

The arts offered many modes of expression; also Choctaw claimed masters in the fields of voice, dramatics, sculpture, painting, and the dance. Many local semi-professional organizations were available for both drama and dance apprentices. Students held one-man art shows in local galleries. The CHS music department provided many with excellent training in jazz, classical music, and voice.

Many students furthered their dramatic talent through participation in the Stagecrafters' local presentations. Students had acting and production parts. Choctaw also bolstered the rolls of all local ballet associations. Former students now perform professionally.

Some students found expertise in the domestic arts, handily mastering the problems of tailoring and gourmet cooking in home ec classes.

Bottom Left: Running, whether it's around the block or on the track, is senior Nancy McCormac's way of relaxing. Being the only girl on CHS' CC team doesn't bother her at all!

Bottom Right: Senior Berta Paprocki says that she enjoys the sport of motorcycle racing a lot. She adds that some people are not yet ready to accept a girl as a racer, though.

Top: Jeff Myers and Steve Myers, Howie Joines and Alan Chapman – members of the band Myriah, agree that the satisfaction of performing is more important than the money.

Bottom Left: Recording and performing original as well as other songs, is Micki Giroux's own way of expressing her thoughts and feelings to different people.

Above Left: Allison Mathis with a twinkle in her eye and a smile on her face outshone everyone in the pageant. Allison's talent played a key part in becoming Miss CHS.

Top Right: Five of the contestants in the Miss CHS pageant posing for the audience. Poise plays an important role in the choosing of beauty pageant winner.

Bottom Right: Tammy Fortenberry holding her head high, was proud to be crowned Ft. Walton Beach's Junior Miss. She is being crowned by Miss Florida, from Panama City.

Tammy Fortenberry Second Place In State Pageant, Allison Mathis Chosen CHS Beauty

This year's Junior Miss of Ft. Walton Beach was a Choctaw senior, Tammy Fortenberry. Tammy's winning talent was displayed when she sang her favorite song "Pass It On—Day By Day." Dru Coleman, also a senior from Choctaw, was chosen first runner-up. The Jaycees sponsored the pageant this year as in years past. The theme was developed around the Christmas spirit in accordance with the season. Contestants performed a dance routine to the tune of "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas." Winners were chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, coordination, poise, their chosen talent, and appearance.

After being chosen Ft. Walton's Junior Miss, Tammy was qualified to go to the state pageant. She was chosen as the first runner-up at the state pageant and she also tied for first place in the contest's Scholastic Achievement division.

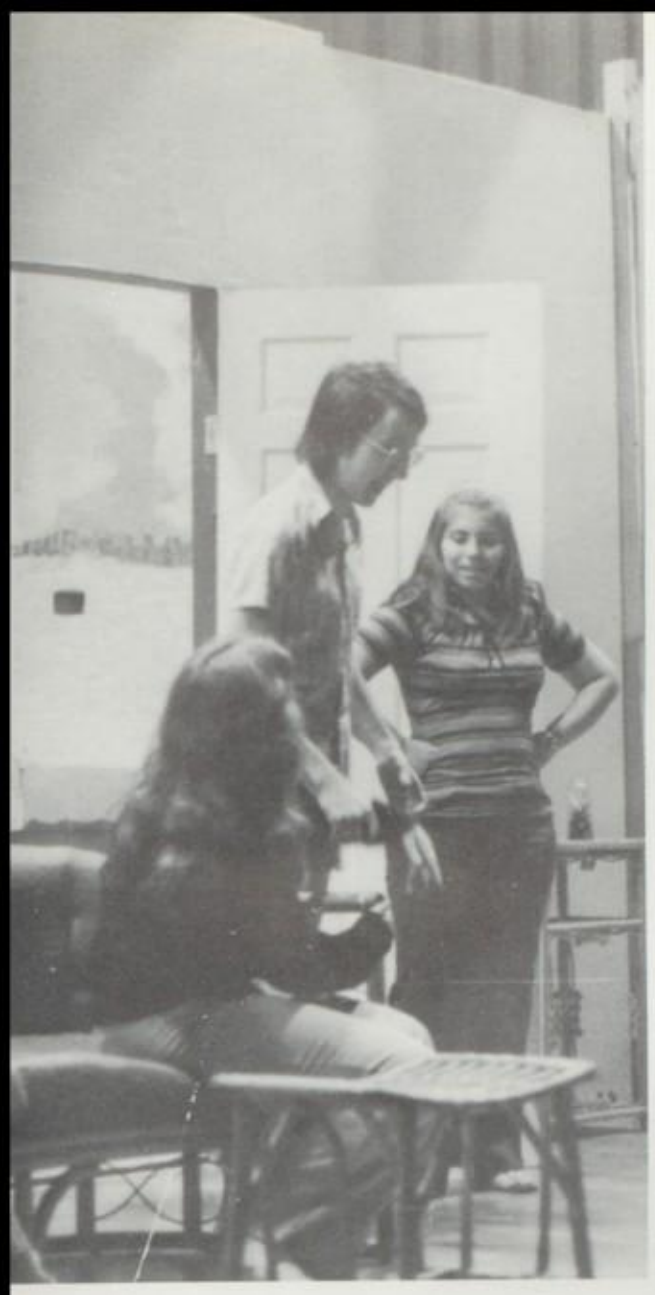
This year's Miss CHS pageant outcome was a surprise to some of the Choctawhatchee students. Chosen as Miss CHS was Allison Mathis, a junior. Allison accompanied herself on the piano as she sang a song that she had composed. First runner-up was Laurie Wright and the congeniality award went to Vicki Seeger. Winners were chosen on the basis of their talent, poise and beauty. Beta Club sponsored this annual "Spring Spectacular." The pageant's theme, which was based on the Bicentennial activities occurring this year, was "America The Beautiful." The stage was decorated accordingly.

Above Right: Terris Sevell interviews some of the Florida Junior Miss contestants. Tammy Fortenberry, a CHS cheerleader, was awarded first runner-up.

Top Center: Many hours were spent on half empty sets trying to figure out props and stage directions. Junior Tracy Sherman was in charge of prop placement between scenes.

Top Left: At the close of the last scene, cast and crew were called back to the stage by applause. Lil Goldsmith and Danielle Lutz were recognized as student directors.

Bottom Right: Many seniors participated with "behind the senes" work. Costumes were organized by Sandy Fields and Karen Park. Set makers worked with Mr. Larry Spann.



Graduation Funds Raised With 1920's Comedy, "Our Hearts Were Young And Gay"

Trying to choose between a musical, comedy or serious play for the senior class production was a tremendous job for seniors. Plays were examined, discussed, and voted on during several meetings before casting of characters could start. The end of the dilemma resulted in the choice of a comedy called, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay". Most believed that the students would enjoy this fun filled comedy. This was only the beginning of six weeks of work. Cast, crew, and sponsors managed to produce a play that received standing ovations each night it ran.

Main characters Beth McDonald as Cornelia; Terri Kay Walters as Emily; David Chestnut as Dick and Roy Bertram as Leo, spent sometimes as much as five hours after school practicing. Other characters popped in and out as they were needed to practice their arts. Even Saturdays were spent practicing or building sets.

Changes and improvements proved necessary so, "The Three Furies", Mrs. Yeager, Mrs. Ready and Mrs. Head, changed a few parts, added to others and wrote in some others to give more seniors a chance to participate. This gave the play a more personal flair. A few of the seniors acted in dual roles.

This play gave the participants a chance to learn about a different era. Each actor had to portray characteristics of people of the 20's. Costumes were borrowed from area residents to make the outcome realistic. Authentic furniture and lamps from area homes and museums helped to make the play historically correct.

Center Left: Mrs. Yeager, lovingly known as "Mama Jo" to drama students, makes last minute instructions clear and makes sure all is ready for Scene I on opening night.

Center Right: Dick finds only a minute to say good-bye to Emily before she and Cornelia depart for America at the end of the summer and the end of the Senior Class Play.

End-Of-The-Year Activities Prove Memorable To Seniors As Underclassmen Bid Farewell

May was a special month for the class of '76 as their last year at Choctaw ground to an end. Between Senior Breakfast, Senior Appreciation Assembly, and Prom, seniors hardly had any spare time.

Organized by senior class sponsor, Mrs. Randi Friese, Senior Breakfast was held at the Ramada Inn Blue Room. A memorable event for participating seniors, the breakfast served as a formal setting for class officers to deliver farewell addresses to their classmates as well as for an official announcement of class poet, artist, and musician. Sue Birkner won class poet and delivered an emotionally charged composition, while Dennis Furber and Howie Joines won class artist and class musician.

Senior Appreciation Assembly, the sophomore class' traditional salute to seniors, was appropriately based on the bicentennial. Humorous as well as serious awards were distributed by a team of twenty-six sophomore volunteers. The assembly's grabber came when Steve Darling and Debbie Abney won the "Paul Revere Award" for most talkative.

Expectations ran high for a special prom. Junior class representatives had spent months preparing a memorable event. Unfortunately, contract disputes left juniors with a last minute change of bands. "Hawk" turned out to be a "turkey" and many couples left the Ramada Blue Room for other places.

Bottom Left: Following in Dean Martin's footsteps, Chuck Boudreau proceeds to 'roast' several seniors at Senior Breakfast. Chuck proves himself worthy of the class' "most witty" title.

Bottom Right: Dennis Furber, class artist, exhibits his representation of the bicentennial; a painting of two great presidents superimposed on the original American flag.

Top Right: Steve Hall, having served as president of his class for three consecutive years, addresses fellow classmates. His speech extols their efforts at making this a memorable year.

Top Left: Chatting with faculty and her senior class, Mrs. Randi Friese discusses last minute details for up-coming graduation activities. The breakfast was held on June 2.

*Bottom Left: Class musician and featured drummer of the local rock band Myriah, Howie Joines treats the audience to a drum solo during a crowd pleaser "**Fire**" released by the Ohio Players.*

Bottom Left: For their diligent leadership of the senior class, Steve Hall, Deanna Duff, Jami Costin, Dru Coleman, and Jeff Myers are presented special class officer pins.

Top Center: Choral director, Mrs. Mary Ruth Jones presents the "David Goodhart Award" to co-recipients Bill Loy and Randy Koran. The award is given to outstanding choral students.

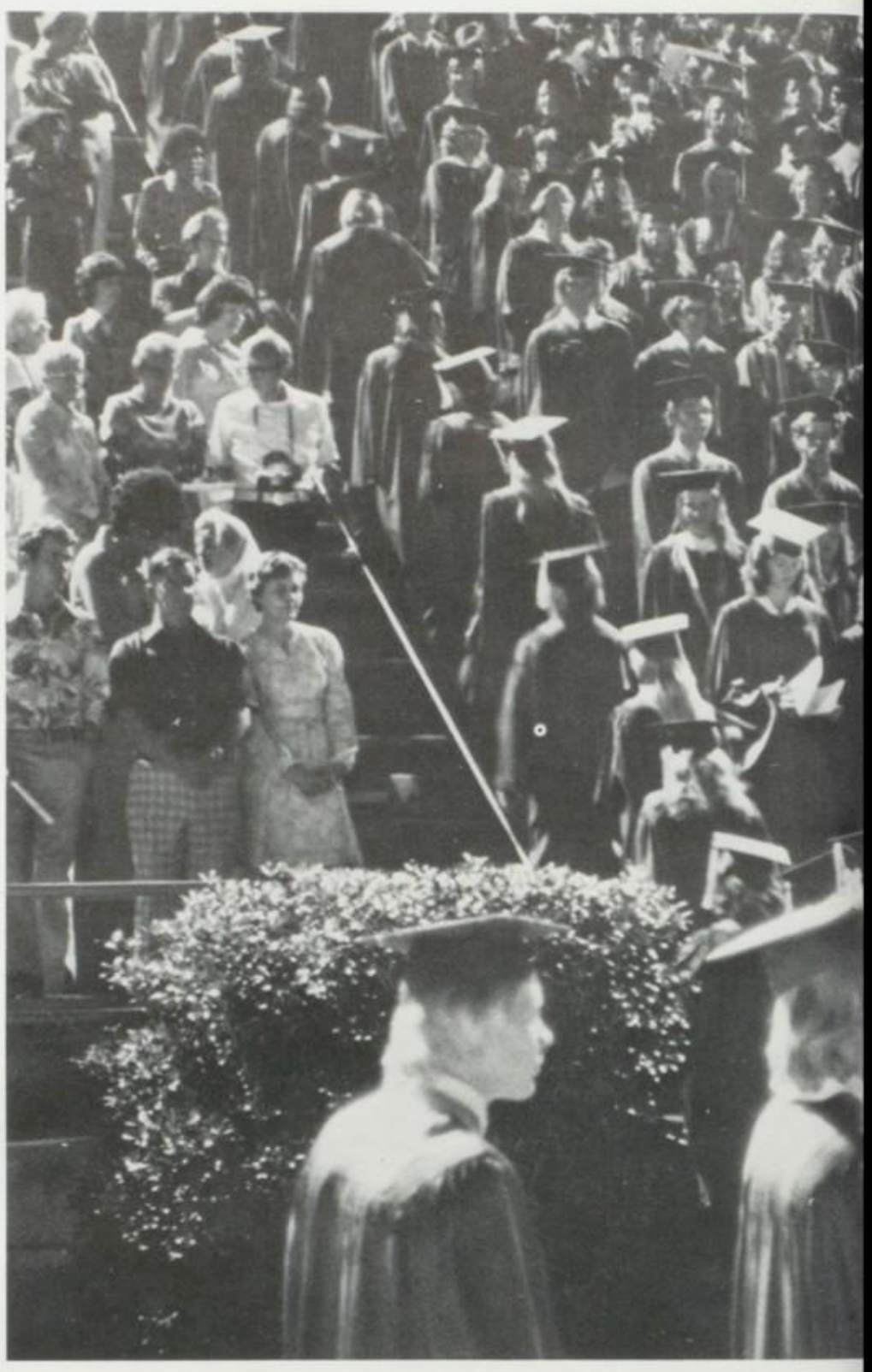
Outstanding Seniors Rewarded For Academic Achievements By Choctaw Department Heads

Honoring the outstanding senior student from each subject area was the main purpose of the traditional Honors Assembly sponsored by the Choctaw Guidance department. These students were awarded with such items as trophies, plaques, certificates, and medals to be worn during graduation. The top 3% of the class were honored with gold tassels while the top 10% graduating with honors were recognized. The valedictorian, Tammy Fortenberry, and the salutatorian, Mike Bowyer, of the 1976 graduating class were announced and received awards.

Departmental honors were not the only awards given out during the two and a half hour long assembly. Class officers, the Deserving Dozen, honor club members, and the Merit Scholarship Finalists were also announced and received their due recognition. Two junior students, Choctaw's STAR Student, Vicky Scherer, and Outstanding Science Student, Greg Hobson, were also recognized and awarded.

Center Left: Annette Poschel and Robert E. Johnson receive hearty congratulations and their award pins from social sciences departmental chairman, Mr. Fulton Smith.

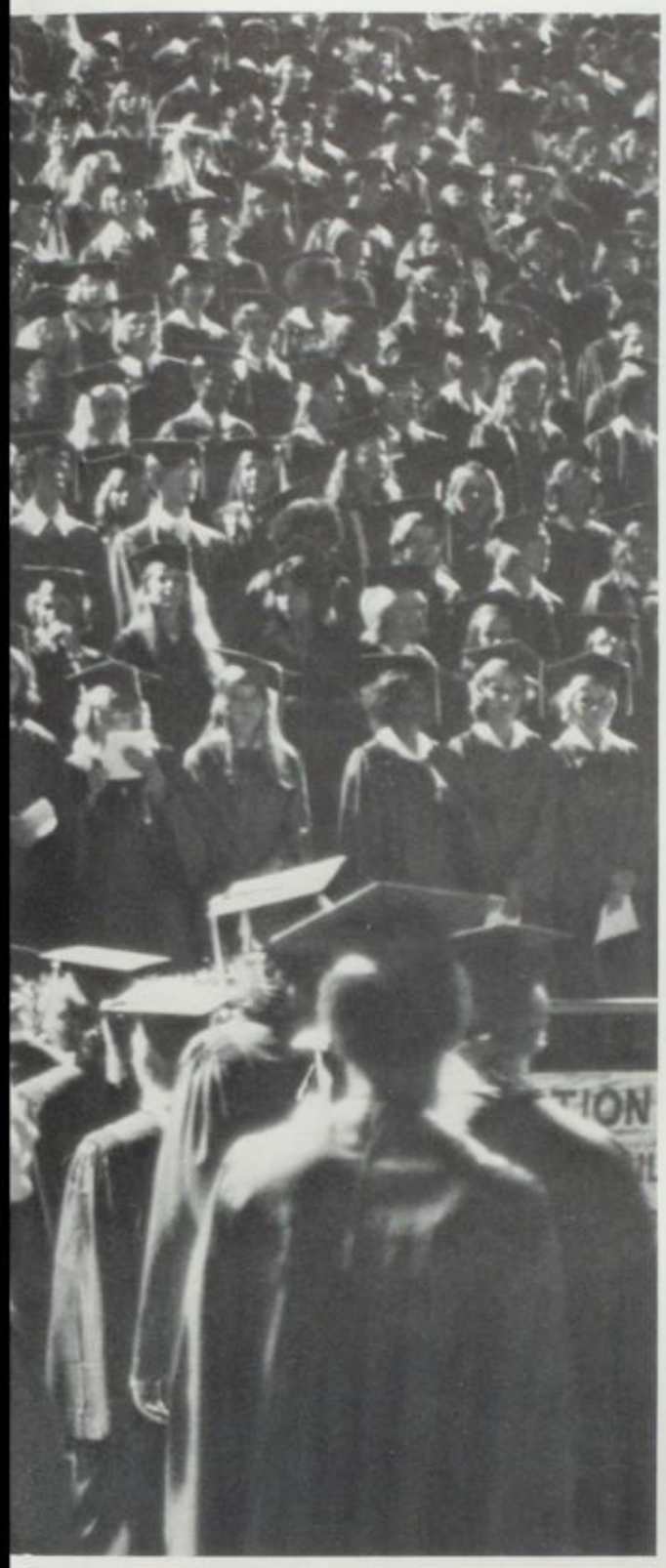
Center Right: Mrs. Betty Falkenberg of the Daughters of the American Revolution presents Tammy Fortenberry the state "Good Citizenship" award she won based on her entry in the DAR state competition.



Top Left: Adorned with all their honor cords and club ribbons, Choctaw graduates proceed to their positions in the Memorial Stadium to their positions in the Memorial Stadium stands in homeroom groups.

Top Center: With the Choctaw seniors occupying the odd numbered rows and Fort Walton seniors the even, graduates file into the stands as the joint Baccalaureate commences.

Bottom Right: The Choctawhatchee Madrigals and the Voices of Valhalla present a concert of patriotic music. This joint concert symbolizes a growing bondage between the two schools.



Traditional Farewell Salute Offers Inspiration; Seniors: **"You've Come A Long Way, Baby!"**

As the last few days of school approached, senior anticipation peaked. Seniors became more involved with the traditional activities preceding graduation. Scheduled two days before graduation ceremonies, Baccalaureate services were to be held in Choctaw's Memorial Stadium. Contradicting weather forecasts left many puzzled throughout the day until Mr. Ben Brown officially declared the joint service "on" between the city's two high schools.

At the 1976 Baccalaureate service, the graduating seniors received blessings and praise from local clergy. Invoking a sense of melancholy on the audience, the Reverend Jessie Shackleford delivered his inspirational message. Employing the cliche "You've come a long way baby," the United Methodist minister relayed his aspirations for the graduate candidates' future.

Various clergymen were invited to speak at the service enabling a majority of present religious alliances to be represented. The invocation was delivered by a Baptist minister, the benediction by a Presbyterian minister, and the Scripture reading by a rabbi during the course of the vari-denominational service.

Center Right: The Platform of the joint Baccalaureate service consists of local dignitaries, school officials, and various clergymen representing a spectrum of religions.

Bottom Left: Mrs. Helen Nash helps Debbie Collins prepare for the evening service. Senior homeroom teachers have guided these students since their first sophomore days.

Dateline: June 3, 1976 — 547 Seniors Graduate From CHS; Fortenberry, Bowyer Top Class

After 12 years, approximately 15,120 hours, 1728 terrible tests, and too many teachers, the "Class of '76" finally was graduated. Starting out as first graders, their only worry was keeping within the coloring book lines and making sure they made Donald Duck's beak yellow. These are the same students who in next 12 years would be cramming for tests, screaming at pep rallies, washing cars for club treasuries, recuperating from Friday night football games, and complaining about lunchroom "grub."

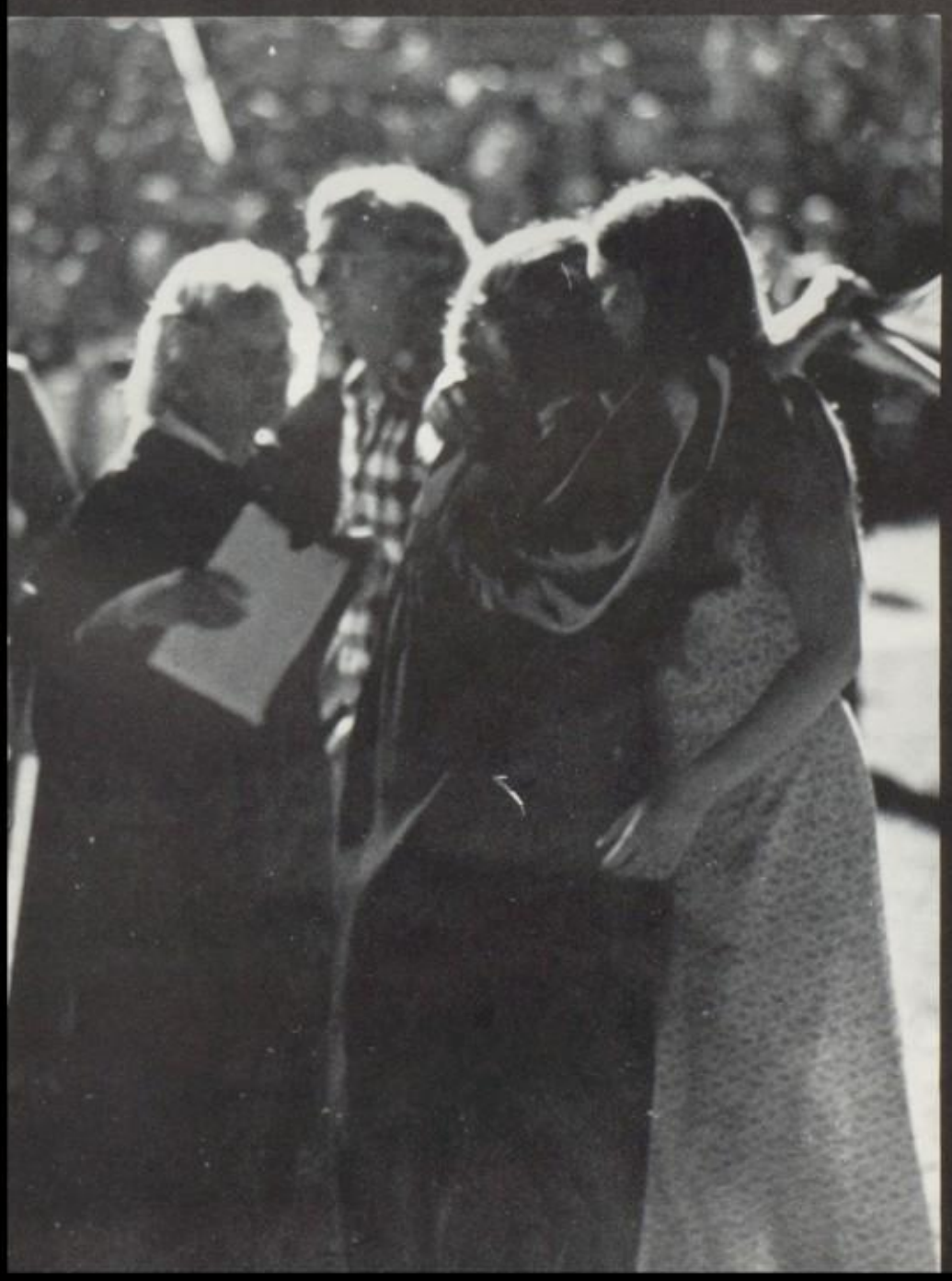
Twelve years ago, who would have expected first grader Tammy Fortenberry to be chosen valedictorian of her graduating class, or would anyone have picked out Mike Bowyer as a possible salutorian? But, after 12 years of diligent study and preparation, and in spite of a faculty-student controversy over the selection procedure, these two were selected as the top two students at Choctawhatchee for their graduating class.

Despite a tactless audience and under ominous thunderheads, 547 excited, nervous seniors filed past Superintendant of the Okaloosa County School Board Max Bruner, Jr., and Principal Ben Brown to receive their diplomas and congratulations.

Top Center: With that diploma safely in hand, Tami Cox ceremoniously repositions her tassle. The change from left to right signifies graduation; the smile, a long awaited moment.

Bottom Left: Mr. Ben Brown congratulates the graduates after they receive their diplomas. This is the first class to complete its entire senior year under his direction at Choctaw.

Bottom Center: Twelve long, arduous years come to an end on June 3, 1976. Family and friends share the happiness and sadness these graduates feel at this momentous point in their lives.



Top Right: As Mark Ziehr's name is called, the sky fills with mortar boards from relieved seniors. The jubilant graduates could not wait for final confirmation.

Bottom Right: In his official position as Chairman of the Okaloosa County School System, Dr. Andrew Giesen offers hearty congratulations to the '76 graduates.

As the 2:00 bell rang everyday, students fled from the school, or did we? In actuality, a seventh period existed for over 50% of the student body. Despite homework loads that even marvelled teachers, over eleven hundred of us remained after school to participate in one or more of the forty-two organizations at Choctaw. Through these various organizations, we were able to serve our community and our school, while fulfilling our own interests.

ORGANIZATIONS

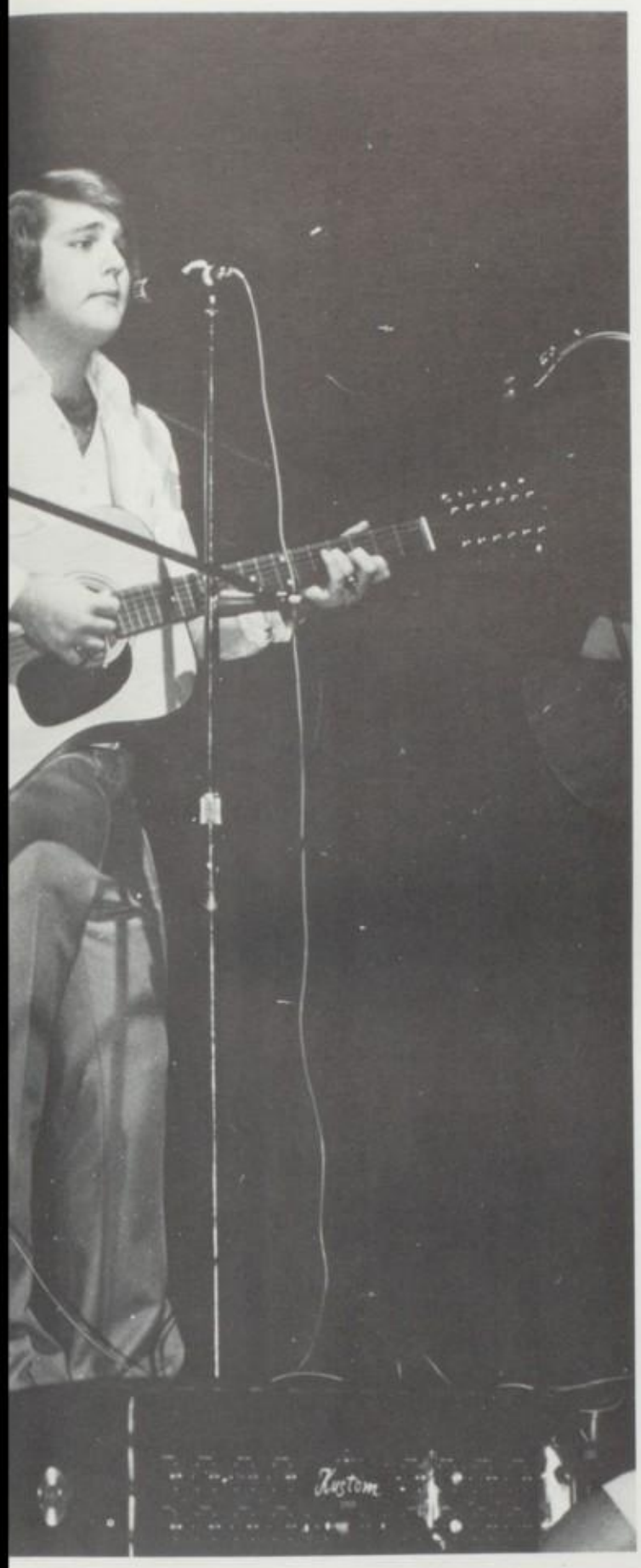
Homeroom Representatives Go All-out To Buy Gym Speakers; Initiate Talent Show Tradition

The Student Council was whipped into action by zealous Larry Barker, elected president in September's two-way race. Determined to leave its mark on the school, the '76 delegation was in and out of a new project nearly every month. Motivation was the desire to provide new speakers for the gym.

A successful Homecoming Dance was followed up by a series of well-promoted discoes served to satisfy the alleged "boogie fever." The Council held "Twerp Week" in March, registered students for the monthly Opinion Poll, sold doughnuts, and sponsored a May tennis tournament.

However, the highlight of the club's effort was the well-attended first annual Talent Show in January. Boasting sharp Bicentennial decorations and four hours of high-grade talent, the show provided most of the money for the gym speakers. Coupled with a faculty "Hee Haw" program; over $300 was raked in to help swell the fund.

The major part of the hardworking representatives are FRONT: Barry Jones. FRONT ROW: Eric Bush, Chuck Boudreau, Russell Kendrick, Chris Poschel, Tom Glorioso, Jim Sconelly, Jay "the Bird" Massey. SECOND ROW: Julie Sherwin, Linda Goldsmith, Vicky Scherer, Laura Kerr, Tammy Stevens, Susan McCormac, Mary Thoreen, Barbara Meltzer, Amy Autry, Lisa Harris, Lenora Stanley, Sandy Fields, Annette Poschel, Charylene Gatlin, Lynda Lyttle.



Top Center: CGA member Keith Patterson sings as part of a trio in the Talent Show – only one of the many guitar-accompanied entries, from which came 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The Executive Committee are FRONT: Micki Giroux, sec.; Larry Barker, pres.; Cathy Crews, v. pres. BACK: Archie Johns, treas.; Blinda Craig, ICC sec.; Kathy Cox, hist.; Channa Gilmore, Soph. v. pres.; Bev McPhail, ICC chpn,; Steve Hall, Sr. pres. ABSENT: Paul Petrey, Jr. pres.

Bottom Right: Don Kyzer and Mary Thoreen as Ben Franklin and Betsy Ross emcee the Bicentennial Talent Show. Their jokes add greatly to the program.

Bottom Center: Sponsor Dodie Bradley listens to a representative's ideas before a meeting. Her dedication and hard work led to a higher quality of Student Government.

Bottom Left: During the Twerp Week disco, President Larry Barker awards Nancy Bixby and Bruce Gleneck first prize for their version of "Change with the Times" in the contest.

Top Center: Red, white, and blue and the Spirit of '76 are emphasized in the largest Homecoming celebration ever. Engineered by ICC, the parade involved nearly every club.

Top Left: Enthusiasm is raised to a fever pitch as club officers shout "I feel great! Do it, do it, do it, do it, UH!" in the second ICC-sponsored Leaders' Conference.

FRONT ROW: Kris Mohl, Optimiss; Leslie Fails, CBE; Wynn Rivers, Indianettes; Karen Park, Wheelettes; Brenda Bludworth, Junior Tri-Hi-Y; Bev McPhail, ICC Chairperson; Blinda Craig, ICC sec.; Ellie Buchebner, Latin Honor; Tami Cox, Varsity Cheerleaders; Debbie Ray, French Honor; Lesa Walker, Beta; Sharon King, Entre Nous; Allison Herring, Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y. BACK ROW: Paul Petrey, Junior Class; Steve Hall, Senior Class; Frank Scalfano, Science Research; David Gieseking, Conflict Simulators; Roy Bertram, Interact; Dale Ralph, Karate; John Cherniga, Hi-Y; Dennis Furber, Art Honor; John Hobson, Mu Alpha Theta; Scott Penny, German Honor; Howie Joines, Music Honor; Chuck Boudreau, Leo; Barry Jones, Key. ABSENT: Vicki Locke, DECA; John Stercho, Annual; Jill Barker, Senior Tri-Hi-Y; Larry Barker, Student Council; Janet Galloway, Keyettes; Fred La Roche, Octagon; Kay Sills, Thalian Society; Gretchen Sjostrom, Newspaper; Debbie Dean, GAA; Bobby Johnson, Amateur Radio; David Sterner, Chess; Micki Giroux, CGA; Randy Sansom, Sophomore Class; Fritz Lewis, CPA; Donna Zuppa, Junior Varsity Cheerleaders.

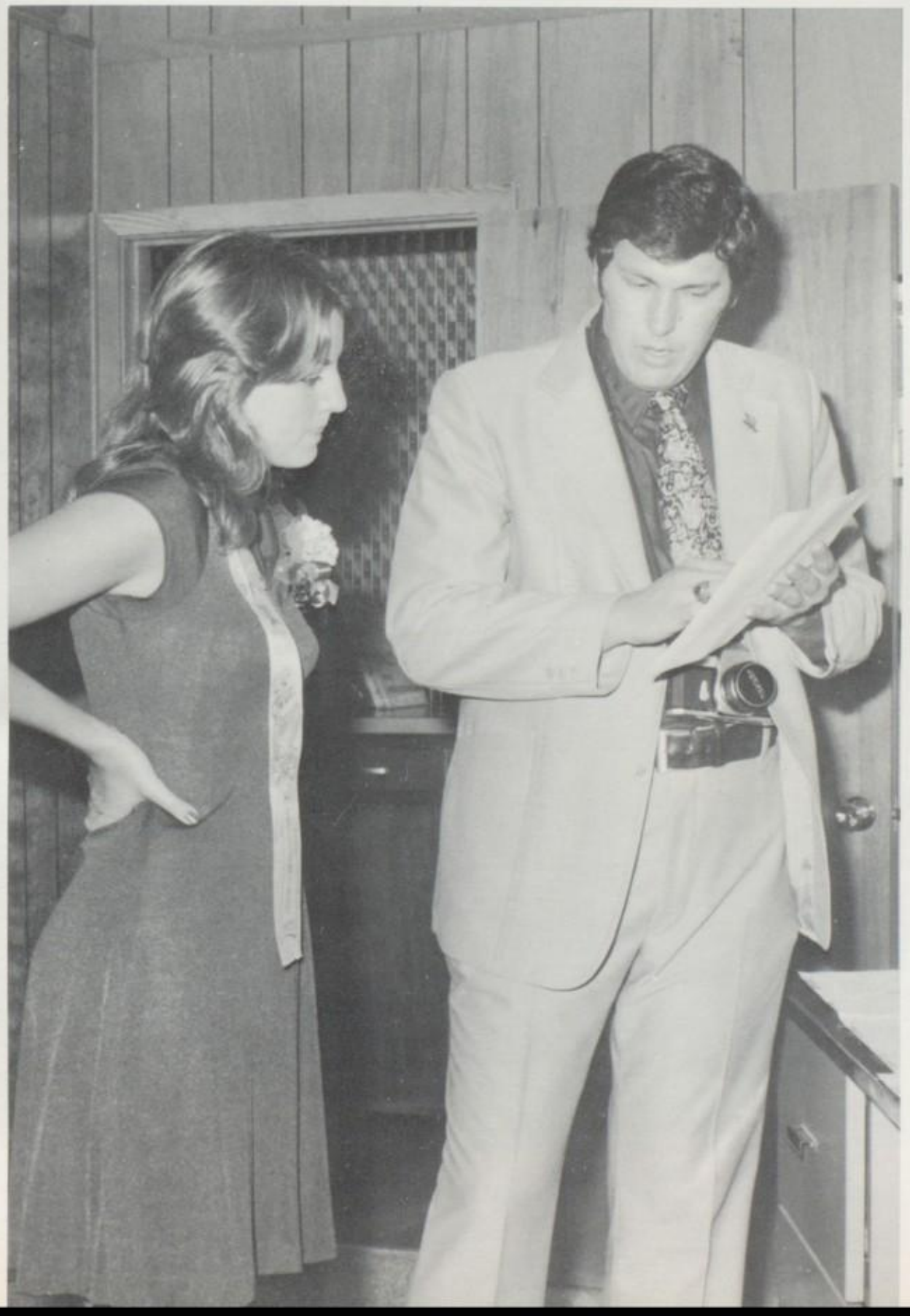
Club Presidents Promote Leadership Through Overall Governing; Sponsor Annual Projects

The Interclub Council was kept busy by the conception of several new clubs and an overall faster pace of activities. Chairperson Bev McPhail capably led the presidents through several projects and the general government of clubs.

They hosted the second Leaders' Conference, a highly motivating seminar taught by club sponsor Don Kyzer. Games and informal discussion helped build self-confidence, and a square dance finished up the popular course. Under ICC's sponsorship, those who attended the conference went canoeing in the spring.

Their calm, "behind-the-scenes" work then brought the school through a tremendously successful Homecoming. 1975's early Bicentennial theme provided an opportunity for CHS to jump the gun on our 200th birthday.

On Valentine's Day, the Dating Game was revived, which served as their only money-making project. Proceeds went to buy an attachment for the Student Activities camera. These efforts of the Interclub Council exemplified quality and directly benefited all involved students.



Top Right: Scattered paper chains measure the attraction of several club nominees as Larry Barker's longest wins him the title of "Mr. Irresistable" opposite Vicky Scherer.

Bottom Right: It's the Beauty and the Beasts as John Stercho, John Cherniga, and Steve Hall shed their presidential dignity in vying for a date with an unaware Debbie Floyd.

Bottom Center: Bev McPhail, ICC Chairperson, and sponsor Don Kyzer hold a last-minute discussion about Homecoming details. Their dedication insures club activities' success.

Honor—Service Club Sponsors Tutoring Classes, Miss CHS, 100 Dollar Scholarship

The Beta Club at Choctawhatchee offered an opportunity for juniors and seniors to gain privileges and prestige. To be a member of this honor-service organization you had to be recommended by Choctaw teachers, have a 3.4 grade average, and have high leadership qualities.

Beta had the honor of being the largest club at CHS this year with almost 100 members, but President Lesa Walker stated that she thought more of Choctaw's students should have been involved with Beta.

Several different activities were held by Beta with the biggest event being Miss CHS. Chosen as Miss CHS was junior Allison Mathis. Other projects included a formal initiation, $100 scholarship, Teacher of the Year, (Mrs. Almond), observing National Beta Week, first place in Jr. Tri-Hi-Y's canned food drive, and tutoring classes.

The highlight of the school year for the club members was when they found out that next year Beta will be changed to National Honor Society.

FRONT ROW: L. Grimmig, V. Kendrick, K. Carter, L. Walker, C. Turner, S. Shervey, D. Colemen, J. Jarvis, B. Seeger. SECOND ROW: T. Walters, B. Gauler, D. Padden, N. Spears, L. Wright, S. Birkner, L. Goldsmith, L. Stanley, B. McDonald, B. Bailey, M. Riggenbach, C. Borden, A. Poschel, B. Glover. THIRD ROW: J. Hobson, C. Peterson, R. Bailey, T. Pearson, J. Wright, L. Fails, B. Craig, T. Pearson, J. Wright, L. Fails, B. Craig, P. Godwin, B. Dougan, K. Shade, S. Blizzard, L. Voyt. BACK ROW: D. Anderson, D. Dean, N. Adams, D. Ray, G. Applegate, T. Fortenberry, P. Saunder, B. McPhail, H. Jones, B. Griffin, J. Gray, S. Bures, C. Land, and M. Bowyer.

Top Center: Deanna Duff and Terry Walters are trying to show Jay Massey the importance of knowing grammar during one of the English tutoring classes.

FRONT ROW: D. Fowler, C. Faust, M. Stilling, R. Fletcher, B. McCarty, C. Fields, C. Wingo, B. Wildberger, G. Prince. SECOND ROW: Y. Busse, M. Thoreen, H. Lacy, P. Tatum, J. Loyd, J. Brown, P. Hane, J. Grimmig, T. Burnett, K. Yii, L. Webber. THIRD ROW: V. Scherer, T. Long, T. Sherman, C. Sowell, L. Johnston, L. Carter, C. Pritchard, N. Stone, T. Henrie, S. McCormac. LAST ROW: M. Madris, D. Shade, J. Bauer, M. Clay, K. Johnson, M. Campbell, E. Bush, B. Ralph, J. Ricks, D. Humphries, S. Penny, C. Holbrook, and R. Evey.

Center Right: Mrs. Randi Friese, Beta Club sponsor, talks to club members about switching honor associations at Choctaw from Beta to National Honor Society. After much debate, the proposal is accepted.

Bottom Center: Beta Club members gather around the pool for their banquet. The installation of officers and presentation of senior cords highlight the evening.

Bottom Left: At the Beta Banquet Mrs. Jenny Hamilton and club members give Mrs. Randi Friese a round of applause for much appreciated work throughout the year.

Mathematics, Current Affairs Organizations Fulfill Many Intellectually-Oriented Interests

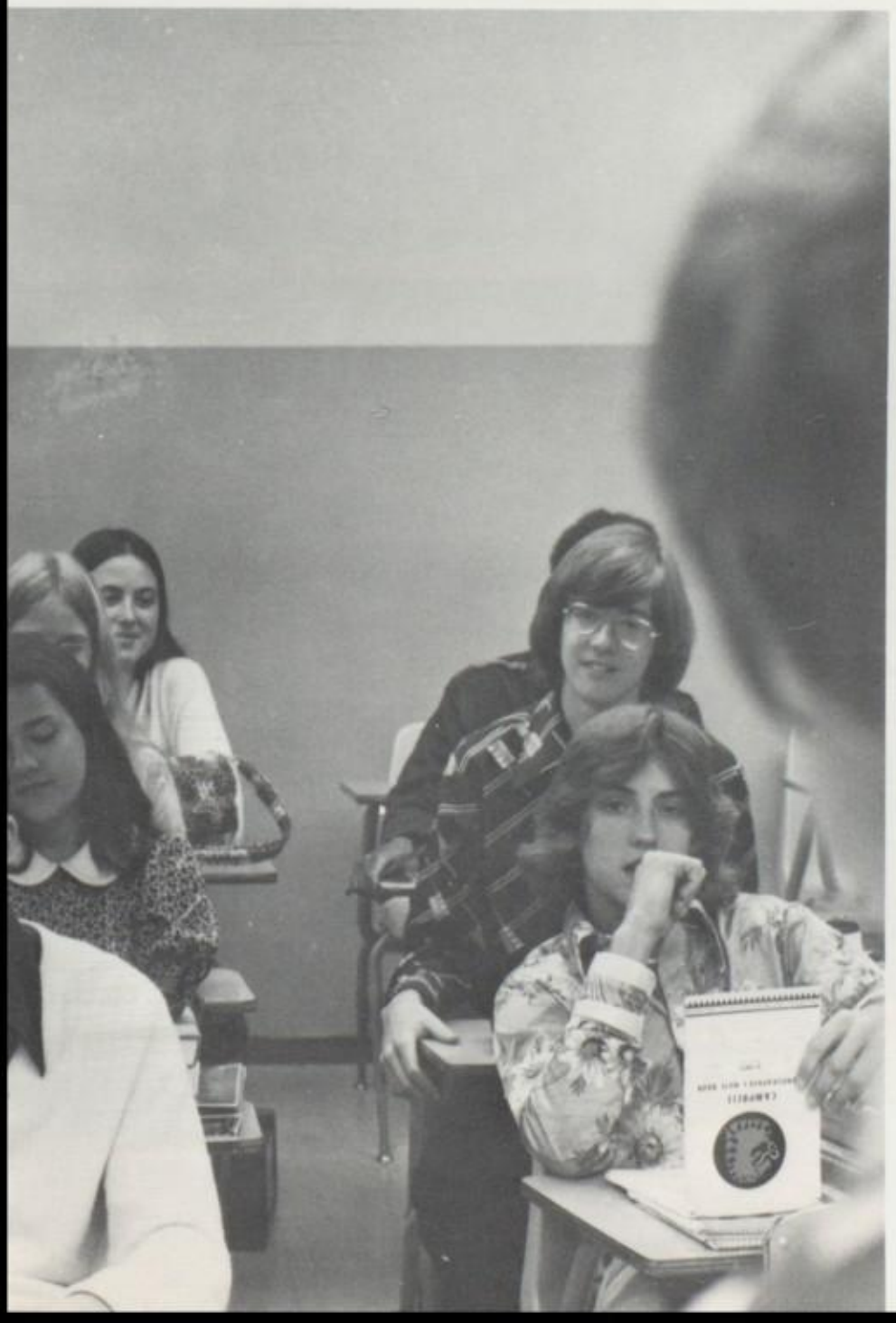
Choctaw Philosophical Association and Mu Alpha Theta are both interest and honor clubs. Each had few activities but fulfilled its goals. CPA operated with a smaller membership but held its bi-weekly discussions with interest. Subjects ranged from foreign policy to racism. Each program was presented by a different member and generated much debate. Mu Alpha Theta continued in its same vein: a fall rummage sale financed the sending of another outstanding team to the Math Tournament in Andalusia. The club also sponsored the Mu Alpha Theta exam, along with several trips to local computer centers.

FRONT ROW: Marie Weir, sec.; Debbie Ray, Nancy Adams, Sylvia Sublette, Tami Long, v. pres. MIDDLE ROW: Linda Freeman, Debbie Padden, Laurie Jarrett, treas.; Darlene Thompson, Laura Kerr, Stacie Blizzard, Maureen Clancy, Carey McNamara, Shannon Shervey, hist. BACK ROW: Freddie Storner, Albert Cronk, v. pres.; John Hobson, sgt-at-arms; Kraig Johnson, Dennis Smith, Bob Cileck, Fritz Lewis, pres.; Frank Scalfano, v.pres.; Art Bridges, John Weir. ABSENT: Tammy Miller, Paul Petrey, Mr. Sam Smith, sponsor.

Bottom Left: President Fritz Lewis opens a meeting of the Choctawhatchee Philosophical Association by preparing to introduce this week's discussion leader and topic.

Top Center: MAO initiates Lenora Stanley, Craig Bennett, and Debbie Padden adjust their garbs while trying to gather enough courage to enter the school for class.

Mu Alpha Theta. FRONT ROW: Mike Bowyer, Janice Wright, Laurie Wright, Debbie Padden. SECOND ROW: Tracy Sherman, Paula Tatum, Mary Thoreen, hist.; Lisa Weber, Lenora Stanley, Mrs. Almond, sponsor; Susan McCormac, Tami Long. THIRD ROW: Lesa Walker, sec.; Everette Parrish, Laurie Jarrett, Freddie Storner, Mike Adams, Tom O'Rourke, Mrs. Simmons, sponsor. FOURTH ROW: Allan Rhoads, John Hobson, pres.; Reneta Ivey, Carla Turner, Howie Joines. BACK ROW: Debbie Dean, treas.; Denise Bailey, Nancy Adams, Cindy Fields, Craig Bennett, Carla Chastain. ABSENT: David Sterner, Bobby James, Kim Thrall, Dennis Smith.



Bottom Right: Mr. Salter, Mr. Howard, and Mrs. Almond give instructions to135 students taking the difficult Mu Alpha Theta exam, sponsored yearly by our school's chapter.

Bottom Center: CPA club members wait in expectation of an interesting discussion on one of today's issues. Debate and even blatant argument are encouraged.

Gummi Bear Sales Pay Expenses, Help Send Twelve Students To FASG State Convention

With a slate of new and inexperienced officers, German Honor got off to a slow start this year. The club was also very small, hosting only nine previous members and six new sophomores. Initations, which were held the week of Homecoming, saw six students running around the school as German mountain climbers.

The biggest project the honor society undertook this year was the selling of gummi bears candy. The money from this project was used to pay for various activities which were held throughout the year. In November, a beach party was held at John C. Beasley State Park. French Honor and the Latin Society joined the German Club for the picnic, which was held in honor of the new members. The German students also took part in the Homecoming Parade and the Keyette party.

During the second semester, the club focused on plans for the annual statewide convention, sponsored by the Florida Association of Students of German. Twelve students attended from Choctaw, with Darline Brorsen, Kraig Johnson, and Jill Cappadona bringing home awards. The club ended activities with a party.

Center Left: During the Homecoming Parade, German Honor Officers, Yvonne Busse, David Geisking, and Scott Penny encircle the track in Herr Ewelle Clark's Volkswagen.

Bottom Center: Darline Brorsen and Jill Cappadona pose while dressed up for initiations. All new German Club members had to dress up as German Mountain Climbers.

Top Left: Jill Cappadona, Inger Sjostrom, and Robert Fletcher silently await for breakfast at the German Convention which was held on the Jacksonville Uriversity Campus.

Center Right: German students from Choctaw catch a ride in a covered wagon while at the Stephen Foster Memorial. They stopped here on the way to convention.

Bottom Right: During a seminar at the FASG Convention, Rolf Sugmund from Tultinger University in Germany tells about teen-age life in his European country.

FRONT ROW: Danny Vicker, Chris Saxer, Greg Boyd, treas.; David Giesking, hist.; Sean McGee, Scott Penny, pres. BACK ROW: Margueritta Brigance, Darline Brorsen, Shannon Shervey, sec.; Colleen Boyle, Brent Elliot, Mark Boyd, Yvonne Busse, pres.; Herr Ewelle Clark, sponsor.

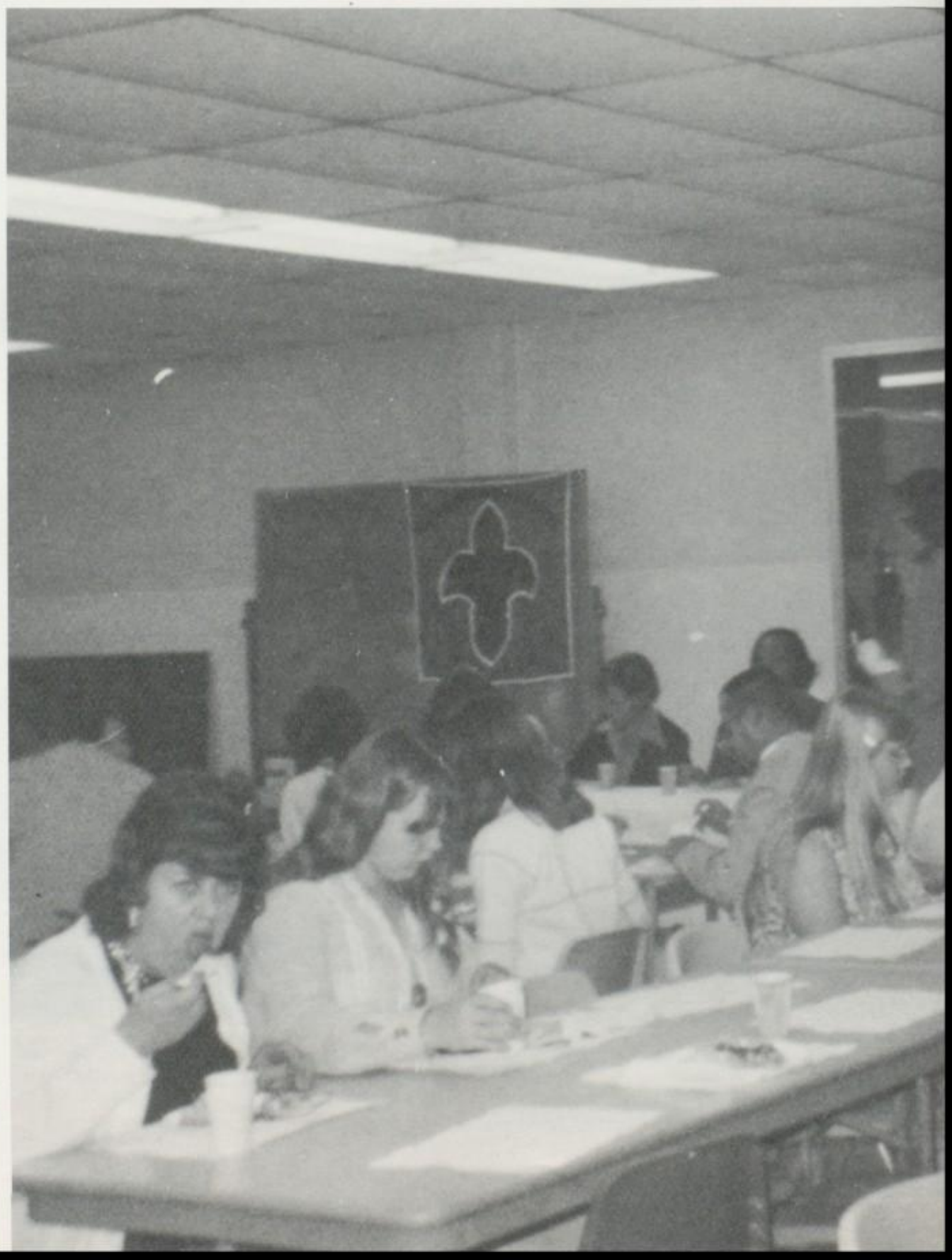
Language Students Place High In State Conventions, Emphasize Foreign Culture In USA

The Latin Society and the French Honor Society were two of the busiest foreign language clubs at CHS. They both did many things for the school along with bettering their knowledge of the language.

The French Honor Society helped to sponsor an international dinner with all the other language clubs. It turned out to be one of the most successful ones yet. Keeping the bulletin boards clean, a sometimes seemingly trivial, but important task, was their helpful school project. At the end of the year they attended a convention in Tampa.

The Latin Honor Society sold shamrocks filled with candy and delivered to homerooms. It turned out to be a good moneymaking project. Their Latin Forum was held in Pensacola and their end of the year banquet was at Caesar's Table.

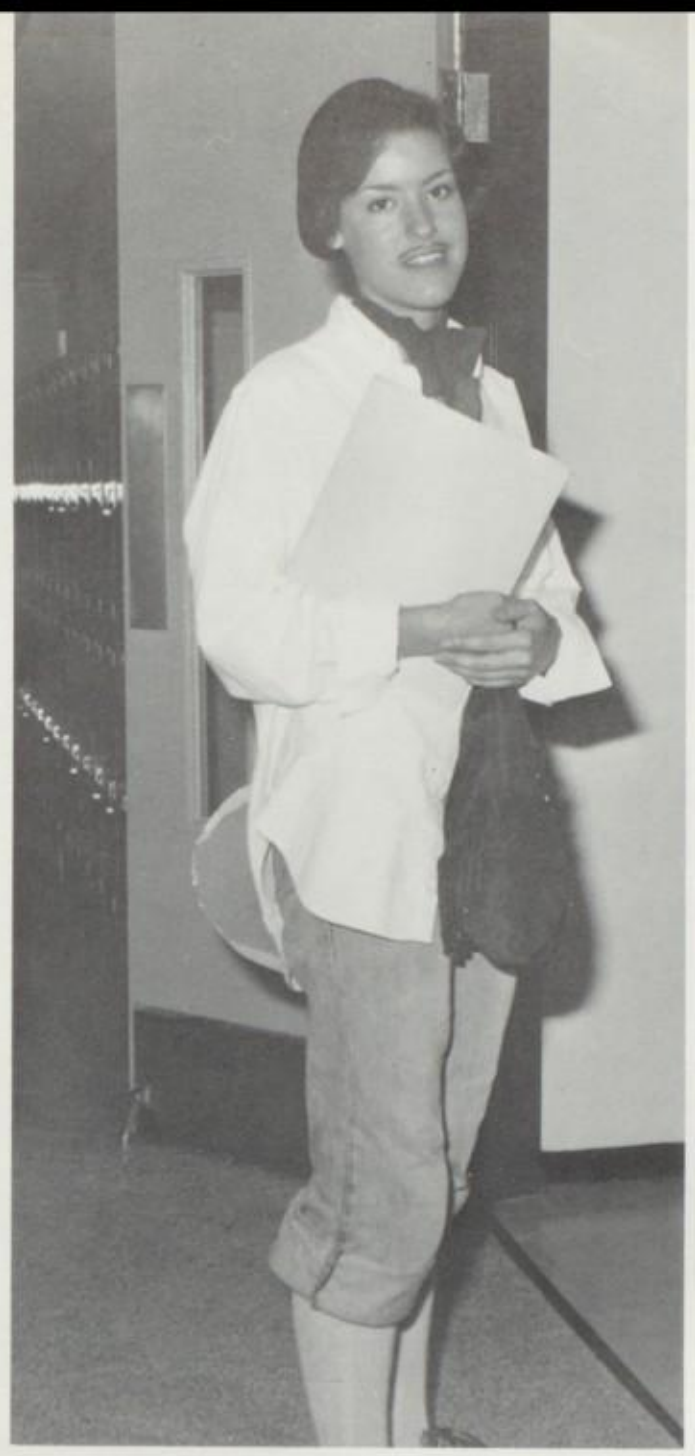
This was the Choctawhatchee Latin Honor Society's first complete year. The five officers served a full year during 1975-1976, although they had been elected in the latter part of the previous year to insure an orderly transition.



Center Left: In their classes, the foreign language students have to do listening comprehension. This involves listening to taped dialogues and answering questions.

Bottom Center: One of the French Honor Society's main goals is to have a successful International Dinner. Food from four countries and matching decor make a delightful dinner.

Top Right: After completion of initial planning for their Homecoming car, the French Honor Society committee takes a break while mulling over possible decorative ideas.



Top Left: To become a member of the French Honor Society, the members have to dress up as Frenchmen for initiation. As the school day nears its end, Mary Hopkins is relieved.

Bottom Right: In semi-formal dress, the Latin Society gathers in the lobby of a restaurant for their banquet. This banquet is set up for fun as well as honoring the seniors.

Latin Society members are: Helen Dal Santo, Stacie Blizzard, Lyndia Lyttle, Paula Tatum, Cheryl White, Mike Dominiak, Vicky Scherer, v. pres.; Brenda Bludworth, Tom Schlau, Joe Mann, Ellie Buchebner, pres.; Sue Mills, sec.; Carole Dal Santo, hist.; Kathy Ward, Richard Brinckman, Rikki Ayers, treas.; Mr. Kelleher, sponsor; Linda Goldsmith.

French Honor Society. FRONT ROW: Debbie Grammont, sec.; Mike Madaris, v. pres.; Debbie Ray, pres.; Lisa Filion, treas.; Lori Cooper, par.; Annette Poschel, hist. BACK ROW: Sharon Kaiser, Marcie Harris, Janice Loyd, Jim Sconnely, Nancy Stone, Dalton Friedman, Mary Hopkins, Roxie Lambert, Barabara Meltzer, Marc Day, Dannielle Lutz, Lynn West, Sharon Brock, Cathy Pritchard, and Charylene Gatlin.

New Club Makes Mark At Choctaw Using Different Methods of Raising School Spirit

A newly organized club, the Thalian Society, found itself very busy in many aspects of Choctawhatchee life. Coordinating of the club's various skits, projects and stage shows kept members busy.

Being a new club, initiation was held for all members. New members had to perform before a committee before being selected for membership. Their initiation consisted of dressing up as characters from "The Wizard of Oz." The charter members dressed as actors and actresses from previous eras.

The Thalian Society introduced itself to Choctaw by performing numerous skits at pep rallies. The Thalians supported other school functions like the Dating Game by doing short commercials and skits.

The biggest production for the year, however, was their Vaudeville Show, an overwhelming success. The show consisted of amusing can can dancers, soft shoe acts, short skits and songs. Even though it was a "first" at Choctaw, the Vaudeville Show was planned to be an annual affair each spring.

Officers were elected at the end of the '74-'76 school year to preside over the club at its first official meeting in September, 1975. They were: Kay Sills, president; Teri Walters, secretary; Lil Goldsmith, treasurer and Cathy Guin, historian. Teacher sponsors for the club were Mrs. "Mama Jo" Yeager and Mrs. Michalene Perry.

Center Left: Sponsor Mrs. Jo Yeager and student teacher Larry Spahn run through a scene for the cast's benefit in order to demonstrate the effect they wish to create.

Bottom Left: To insure realism in their characters' movements, Jeff Bauer and Marcie Harris receive last minute blocking instructions as they prepare for performance.

Bottom Center: In the portrayal of a character, an actor must be able to identify with his role. For the club's production Stuart Lucas attempts to capture Linus' personality.

Top Left: Bobbie Dougan and Steve Hall perform a short skit in class. Thalians participated in many speech and drama contests throughout the south and helped judge competitions.

Bottom Right: The Thalian Society members spent much of their time preparing programs for many area clubs and businesses, writing their own skits and making simple costumes.

Top Center: The Big Green Spirit is immortalized in the painting left by this year's Art Club. The ghostly warriors preside over pep rallies, basketball, and P.E. classes alike.

Top Left: Art Club members have a chance to editorialize with their cartoon of a vicious Indian gnawing on a Leon lion in anticipation of this game full of long-held rivalry.

Center: The Art Club often lends its talents to other organizations for stage decorations. Their participation in ICC's Dating Game was the glittery backdrop behind the girls.

FRONT ROW: Jeff Johnson, Susan McCormac, Mark Ziehr, v. pres.; Nancy McCormac. BACK ROW: Dennis Fuber, pres.; Stanford Stanton, Haywood Riggins, treas.; Jim Clark. ABSENT: Julie Frederick, sec.; Carey McNamara, Luther Bullock, Tara Orlando, Sue Mills.

Motivated Leader Consolidates School Artistic Talent Into Creative, Valuable Organization

Dennis Furber, along with several other art students, took the initiative and chartered the first Honor Art Club at Choctaw. Characterized by informality and creativity, the slowly growing group quickly found its place in serving the school.

The artists plotted with the cheerleaders and turned out unique goal-post banners which the football team promptly ran through. These included a cartoon indian munching on a lion for the Leon game and, for the Ft. Walton battle, a giant indian capsizing the Vikings' ship. The Art Club placed in the Christmas decorating contest and designed stage decorations for many club productions.

Among many projects and ideas, they left a permanent painting on the gym wall. Depicting the eternal Big Green Spirit, the ghosted warriors made an impressive addition to games and pep rallies during the past season.

Center Left: Jim Clark, Dennis Furber, Nancy McCormac, Julie Frederick, and Haywood Riggins put the finishing touches on the ghosted campground scene.

Bottom Right: The club's purpose as an interest and honor organization is to promote participation and excellence in art – members develop talents in school and private lessons.

Aiding Fourth Miracle Strip Marching Contest One Of Few Club Projects Throughout Year

The Choctawhatchee Music Honor Society recognizes superior students in the field of music. Its members must be in the top ten percent of their musical organization, have a 4.0 grade average in music and be recommended by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, sponsors of Music Honor Society and head of the band and choral departments. More than an honor club, the Music Honor Society also provides service and leadership to Choctawhatchee's student body.

Under the leadership of Howie Joines and Chuck Boudreau, the club members acted as aides for the Miracle Strip Marching Contest, a project they have annually undertaken.

Another club activity was the sponsoring of club sweetheart, Laurie Wright, in the Miss C.H.S. Contest. She emerged as first runner-up. Miss C.H.S., Allison Mathis, and third runner-up Micki Giroux, were also members.

Toward the end of the year, Don Shade was announced as club president for next year.

Top Left: Terri Walters and Lesa Walker take a rest from a busy day. These girls and many more students are working very hard to make the Miracle Strip Marching Contest a success.

Center Left: Allison Mathis, a new Music Honor member, enjoys initiation day. Late in the year, Allison utilized her musical talent, when she was in the Miss CHS Contest.

Bottom Right: These outstanding students and others were chosen to be the new Music Honor members. To become a member, they had to sing or play their instrument all day.

Top Left: Music Honor and Leo members, sit waiting for the arrival of visiting bands to the Miracle Strip Marching Contest. These club members will aid the many guest bands.

FRONT ROW: Nancy Handley, Sandy Fields, Lesa Walker, Kelly Carter, Bobbie Doogan, Terri Walters, sec.; Beth McDonald. SECOND ROW: Jimmy Williams, Gail Grimes, v-pres. Barbara Griffin, Micki Giroux, Danny Johnson, Jeff Myers, Chery Wilson, tres.; Bill Loy, his.; Gina Millan. BACK ROW: Chuck Boudreau, Laurie Wright, Luke Gonterek, Sue Mills, Mike Gilmore, Sherry Smith, Danielle Lutz, Courtney Land, Tom Kidder, Jan Carpenter, Craig Bennett, Parl.; Sally Holler, Scott Bures, Larry Barker, John Cherniga, Howie Joines, pres.

FRONT ROW: Bonita Clark, Norma Stanley, Allison Mathis, Linda Smith, Cathy Pritchard, Lynn Higgenbotham. SECOND ROW: Scott Stegal, Anthony Freathy, Roland Seeley, Ken Wicker, Gary Phillips, Everette Parish, Sherri Brooks, Craig Wright, Randy Riley, Kyle Faust. BACK ROW: Don Shade, Doug Bastone, Cathy Fields, Mike Madaris, Duff Thompson, Mike Campbell, Cindy Clark, Jenny Bennett, Danny Price. These are junior and sophomore, Music Honor members.

Two Clubs Combine Talent, Learned Skills; Strive For Perfection In Final Performance

There are many varieties of art that people get involved with. Two dedicated groups at Choctaw support their "arts" very enthusiastically. These clubs are C.H.S. Guitarists' Association and C.H.S. Karate Club. Both require discipline of the mind and body, which also requires lots of hard work to achieve that goal.

The Guitarists' Association was just recently re-born at Choctaw. Though there *was* a club years ago, it died from lack of interest. The new club, started with those dormant ideas, and was brought back to life by students. Starting with a performance at the Foreign Language Banquet,many different members of the club have sung in the cafeteria and at some junior highs. The big project for the year was a Guitarists' concert, scheduled for May 17. The new club didn't suffer from the old one's problems. The new version sported a membership of about fifty members.

The C.H.S. Karate Club, is all volunteer, but members of this club take their "art" very seriously. Dale Ralph, their instructor, taught many types of Karate. Meeting on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, they used the main hall as their "practice room" and sometimes received strange looks from passing students. Their sponsor, Mrs. Godwin commented that she admired the ideals and discipline that the students set up.

Top Left: Singing in foreign languages is just one of the many talents possessed by Cathy Pritchard, who soloed at Choctawhatchee's Foreign Language Banquet.

Middle Left: The trio of Greg Smith, Keith Patterson, and Sean McGhee, provide excellent entertainment for the audience at the Student Council talent show.

Middle Right: Including the audience within their music, Debbie Abney, Micki Giroux, and Gina Millan lead in a patriotic number at the Foreign Language Banquet.

Guitarist Association. FRONT ROW: T. Gold; D. Abney, hist.; D. Price; R. McNeal; S. McGhee, pub. chrmn.; M. Giroux, pres.; T. Price; K. McGhee; L. Clark. SECOND ROW: C. Pritchard; G. Smith; C. McWhorter; K. Patterson; J. Turner; J. Ward; D. Auble; J. Parrish; K. Hines; E. Parrish, v-p; G. Millan, treas. BACK ROW: R. Friese, co-spon.; J. Bauer; B. White; K. Creamer; J. Powell; M. Stone; C. Holbrook; L. Voyt; D. Seip; C. Turner; C. Turner; R. Dockery; D. Wood; E. Lumpkin; S. Smith; C. Vega; L. Barker; R. Koran; L. Tidwell, sec.; C. Sills, spon.

Top Left: Instructor, Dale Ralph demonstrates to Robert Murray that form, swiftness, and coordination of movements are essential for learning, as well as performing Karate.

Bottom Left: Karate, an extension of the martial arts, has had increased interest, in the defensive qualities, demonstrated by Carey Raulerson and Jay Massey, as well as art form.

Karate Club. FRONT ROW: Jay Massey; Scot Fitzgerald; Bob Hamilton; Steve Long; An Ta. MIDDLE ROW: Debbi McLean; Carey Raulerson; David Byrne; Joe Boswell. BACK ROW: Dale Ralph; Rick Drumont; Mike Dominiak; Bob Mury; Jay Rhin; Jon Wood; Phil Boswel.

Chess Club.FRONT ROW: Danny Vivker, Vincent Konvarvki, Frazer Sherman, Mike Givens, David Sterner. BACK ROW: Sean McGhee, Gary Johnson, Mark Vickery, Robert Pihl, Bobby Rostivo, Robert Johnson, and Danny Price.

Bottom Left: Albert Cronk and Delton Freid demonstrate the skill, patience, and inteligence required to be a member of Choctawchatchee's Conflict Simulators.

Conflict Simulators. FRONT ROW: Sean McGhee, David Giesking, Bill Washburn. BACK ROW: John Rivers, Frank Scalfano, Albert Cronk, Delton Fried, Kraig Johnson.

Challenge Of Wargames, Chess Make Hours Of Intriguing Fun For Enthusiastic Players

While mental puzzles infuriate some, the Chess Club and Conflict Simulators of Choctaw find them a pleasant way to spend an afternoon.

Both organizations were relatively new at CHS and unfortunately not much publicized. Each suffered with limited enrollment but did its best to carry on normal activities of an interest club.

Neither club was involved in a service or community project. The meeting times were used in matches of chess and many different types of war games using a lot of strategy and attack tactics.

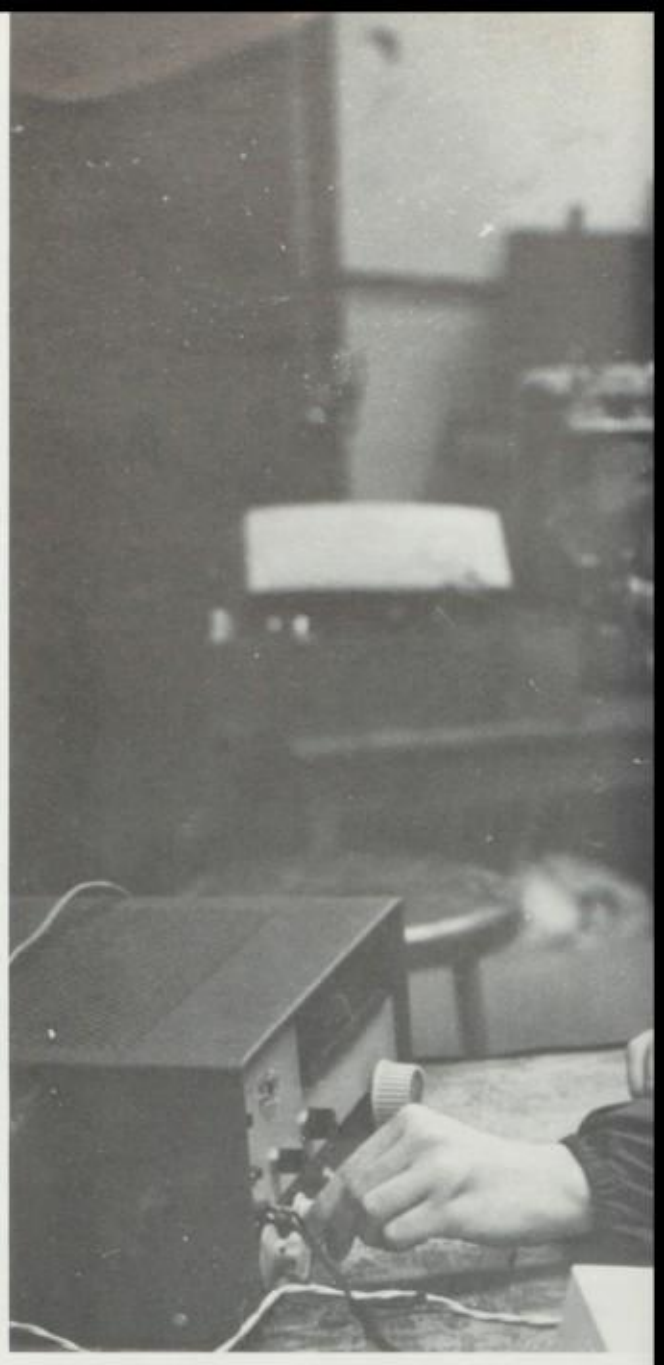
Each club undertook the planning of a major event. The Chess Club planned to hold a chess competition between junior and senior high students. Conflict Simulators hoped to sponsor a Game-A-Thon in spring.

Center Right: David Sterner seems to be very shocked at the move Frazer Sherman is about to finish, but Gary Johnson and Frazer seem to think it was a good and profitable move.

Center Left: Mr. Clark, the active sponsor of the Chess Club, helps plan the year's coming tournaments. He also adds a few helpful comments about tricky strategies.

Bottom Left: Mr. Blizzard, the leader of Conflict Simulators, tries to explain the rules of the fitting new war game "1776." The members don't look too impressed.

Members of the Radio Club are: FRONT ROW: Bob Johnson, pres. SECOND ROW: Danny Price, Laura Drew, Tom Price, David Sterner, v. pres. TOP ROW: Mr. James Franklin, sp.; John Hobson, sec.



Some Students Work Toward HAM Licenses; Others Work Part-time For Employers, Wages

The Choctaw Amateur Radio Society was organized in order to foster an interest in radios and their operation. All Club members worked toward a goal of obtaining a HAM operator's license.

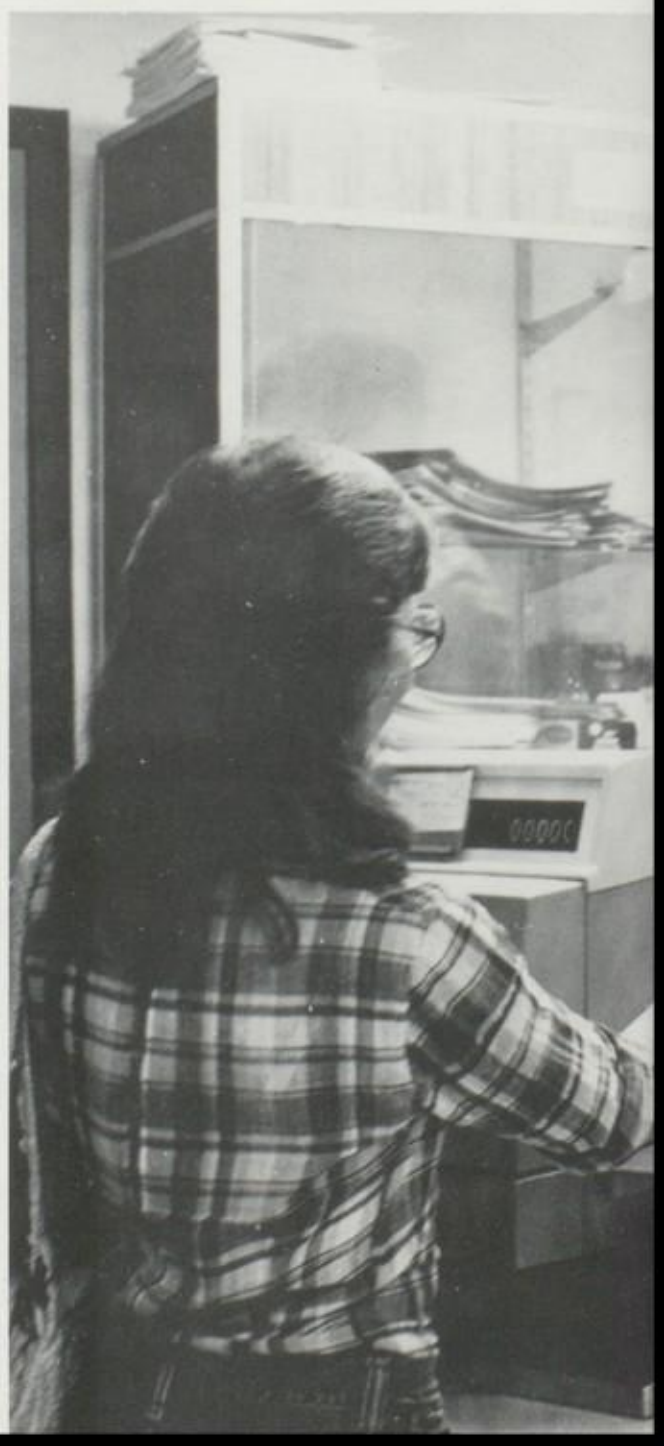
Many students constructed their own radios. Well advanced members were even able to operate and repair the equipment.

DECA students were involved in a school program and a club. Participants had classroom instruction before job placement. These students were trained for marketing, merchandising, and related careers.

Although earning money and gaining credits while working, these students had a rough time. Work hours were often not the best, and maintaining grade averages in other classes was sometimes difficult.

Bottom Left: Becoming a HAM radio operator is a long, drawn out process. Hours of bookwork and study are spent along with learning how to properly operate their radios.

Bottom Right: DECA students run the TeePee, Choctaw's bookstore. Here, they print signs, manufacture custom buttons, and sell various items and school supplies.



Top Left: David Sterner tunes into static as he listens for a clear channel. Operating the radios is more complex than it appears, and a great deal of concentration is involved.

Top Right: Distributive Education program participants are instructed in the operation of several machines. They are responsible for printing many signs for the school.

Distributive Education. FRONT ROW: Mr. Jim Middleton, Sponsor; Robert Hernandez, Vicki Locke, pres.; Joy Messer, parlia.; Debbie Middleton, Debbie Rankin, Karen Mann, 1st v.pres.; Kathy Giler, 2nd v.pres.; Karen Pierce, sec.; Sherry Nichols, Michelle Masterman, hist.; Nancy Nellums, Elaine Young, Elaine Garrison. TOP ROW: Tim Beane, Jimmy Sumblin, Robert Brown, sgt. of arms; Robert Frasher, Bob Campbell, Tim Smith, Bill Poindexter, Mike Prescott, Rick Keller, Gary Dillon, 3rd v.pres.; Rick Dreumont, Butch Ritchie, Billy Hohenstein, rep.

Center Left: Debbie Donovan's classroom preparation and instruction are paid for with each satisfied customer. Girls are accepted into the CBE program only after screening.

Top Right: Many jobs involve some paperwork, such as Cindy Vega's position at General Hospital. Various forms need to be filled out and patients' charts updated.

Bottom Left: One of the most important assets an employee can have is that of enjoying his or her work. Perhaps that is why Cathy Berry always appears lively and cheerful.

FRONT ROW: Cathy Cray, treas.; Cindy Watson, hist.; Patty Fritz, Linda Hughes. SECOND ROW: Kelly McNeer, Cherita Patterson, Donna Baril, Kathy Huebner, Jackie Tadlock, Lyn Roesler, Leslie King, chap. TOP ROW: Cathy Berry, v. pres.; Leslie Fails, pres.; Debbie Donovan, sec.; John Cherniga, gentleman; Sharon Cosgrove, Cindy Vega, Mrs. Frankie Middleton, sponsor.

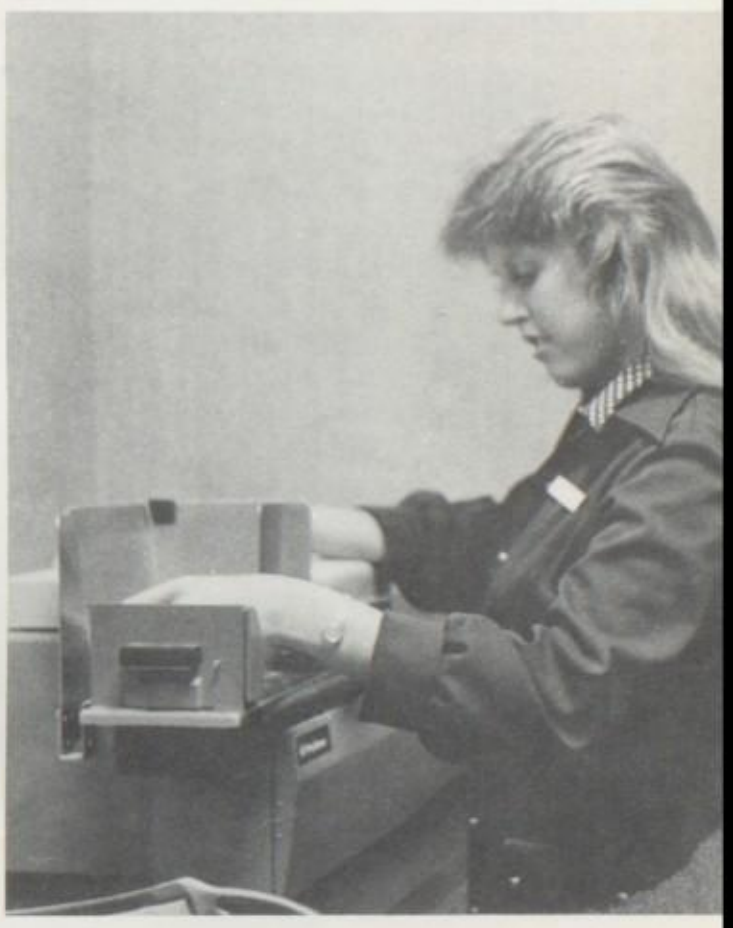
On-The-Job Training Prepares Club Members For Specialized Office Occupational Careers

The Cooperative Business Education program progressed students in their training for office occupations through on-the-job training. Employees also received classroom instruction on related subjects.

Students were enabled to earn an income while preparing for further technical or college education. In order for participants to become efficient workers, development of responsibility, punctuality, and dependability were essential.

CBE performed many services for the community. One, a Type-a-thon, raised money for the March of Dimes. This being the National statewide project, one minute timed writings were given to each student with a one error tolerance. Also, to help the March of Dimes, some members registered walkers in the Mod March at Choctaw.

Students entertained school officials and their bosses with an Employers-Employees Banquet



Top Left: Lyn Roesler's desk job is not an unfamiliar one. Many of the girls hold receptionist or secretarial positions for which they are highly qualified and well trained.

Bottom Left: Diane Chandler is a composed and helpful employee. The ability to interact with people and handle customers well is a necessary characteristic for public workers.

Center Right: Among numerous things taught to CBE members is the operation of many clerical machines. Proficiency is a must if Sharon Cosgrove is to handle these machines daily.

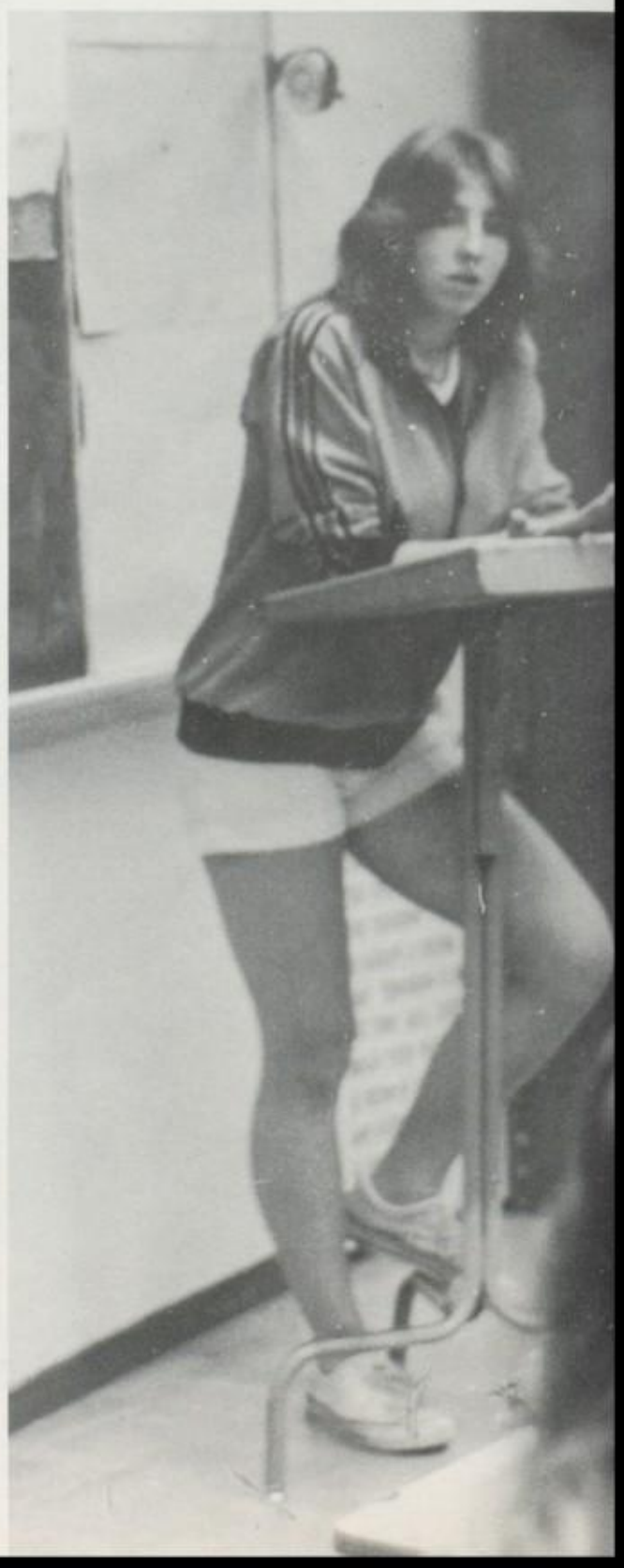
Choc Club Initiates Girls' Interest In Sports, Excitement, Participation Main Objectives

GAA is designed for girls who are interested in athletics yet do not necessarily have the ability or inclination to play well. The club not only promotes girls' athletics, awareness, and good sportsmanship but provides members with a chance to participate in sports.

The meetings consisted of the usual discussion and then half an hour or so of a sports activity. Discussion included plans for a Peppermint Post Office at Christmas and in the spring. a Powder Puff football game. The game was played against the cheerleaders with football players coaching, and coaches refereeing.

At the beginning of the year, GAA participated in initiation as did the other clubs. They dressed up as indians in order to demonstrate their Choctaw spirit and to have fun with the initiation rather than embarrass the initiates.

To close the year, the club held a beach banquet. Fun was the main objective and the announcement of new officers for the upcoming year topped everything off.



Bottom Left: GAA, along with the other clubs at Choctaw, follows parliamentary procedure. During meetings, there is but one speaker at a time, and talking out of turn is not allowed.

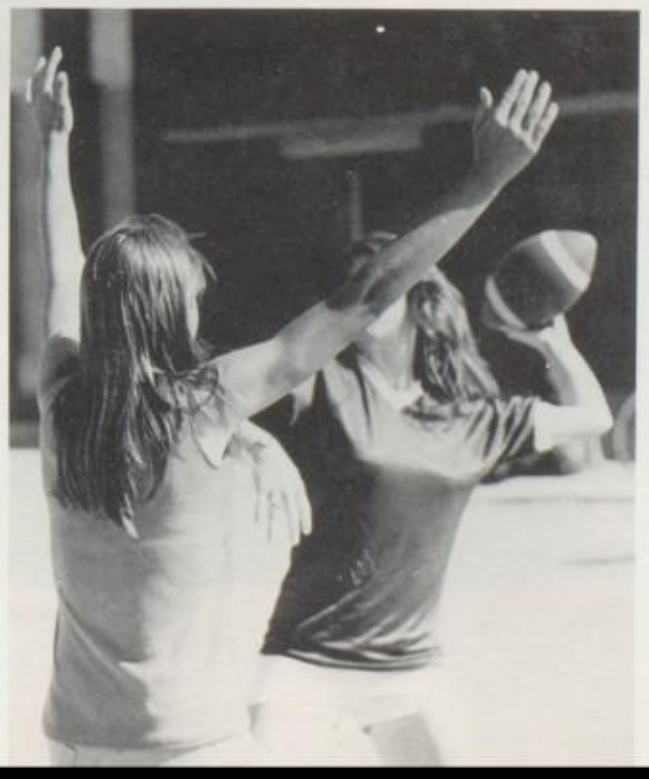
Bottom Right: Discussion of upcoming plans is carried out during club meetings. President Becky Seeger maintains order while retiring the pressing business at hand.

Top Left: Among the many activities enjoyed by GAA members is that of volleyball. Nancy McCormac bumps or digs the ball in order to continue the volley with the opposing team.

Top Right: The sport of basketball is popular with millions of Americans today. The game enables these girls to keep physically fit and have fun at the same time.

Bottom Right: Powder Puff football practice begins early for the upcoming game. Club members must get in shape before their playoff with the cheerleaders in the spring.

FRONT ROW: Becky Seeger, pres.; Kathy Jones, Rikki Ayers, sec.-treas.; Debbie Dean, Debbie Wood, Janice Loyd. SECOND ROW: Pat Gregory, Sylvia Becker, hist.; Tricia Grantham, Sherrie Claybrone, Nancy McCormac, Becky Kantner, Dawn Bryant. TOP ROW: Vicki Seeger, Debbie Risher, Naomi Spears, v.pres.; Miss Melody Jackson, sp.; Colleen Boyle, Pat Weaver, Rhonda Bentley.

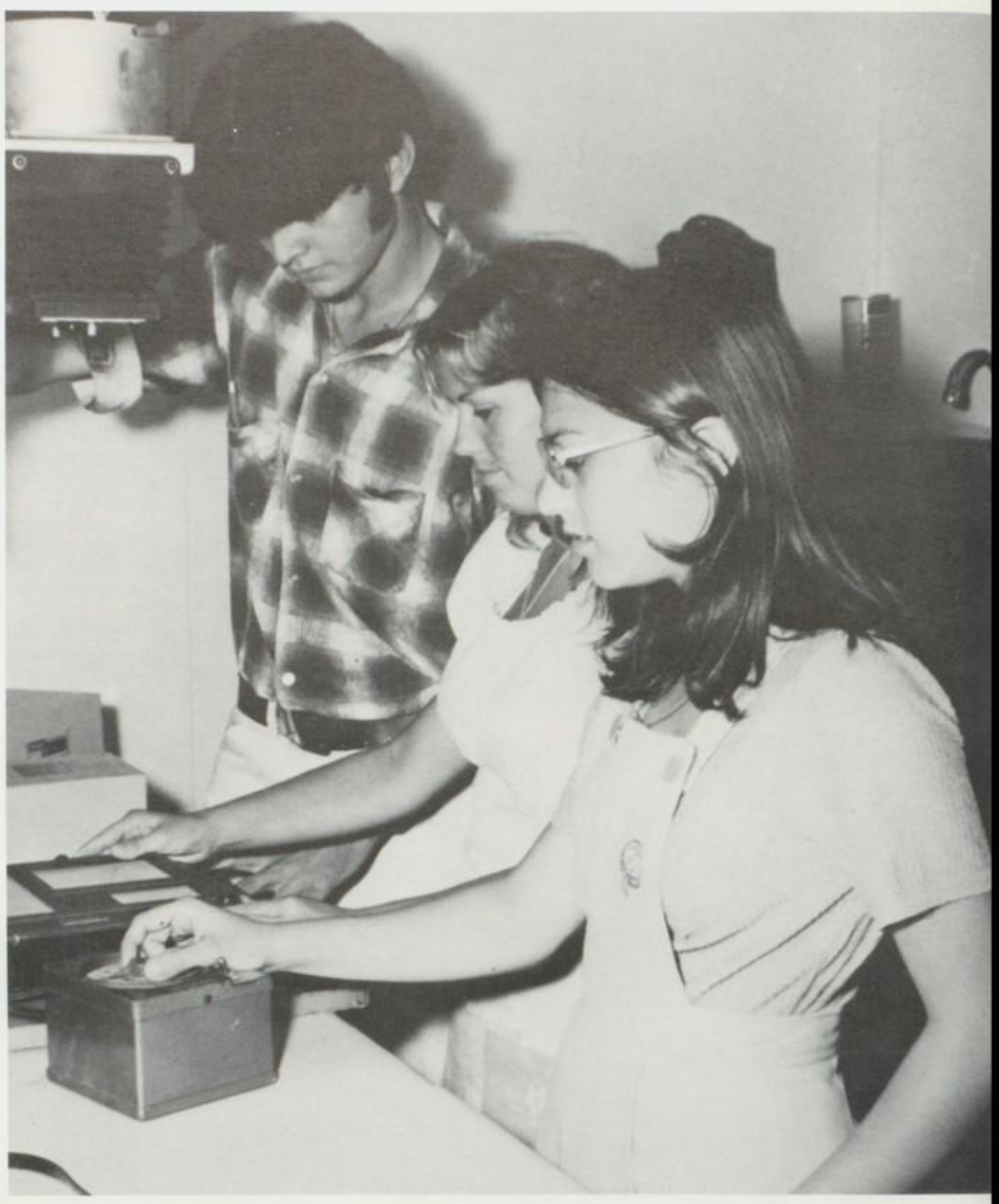


Center Left: Just sitting around and taking a break is a rarity for Smoke Signals Editor Gretchen Sjostrom, who's usually seen with a layout or a story in her hand.

Top Right: Writing is important in a newspaper, but photography makes it complete. The hours are rewarding, says Tony Cartmell, Carol Smith and Marguerite Brigance.

Bottom Right: Just a little rest and relaxation in the middle of a hard day's work, say some members of the ***Smoke Signals*** *staff. They add, "Well, a person can't work all the time!"*

Center Left: Research plays an important part in putting together a story for the newspaper, and Cyndy Moore almost always "hits the books" after she's gathered all of her facts.

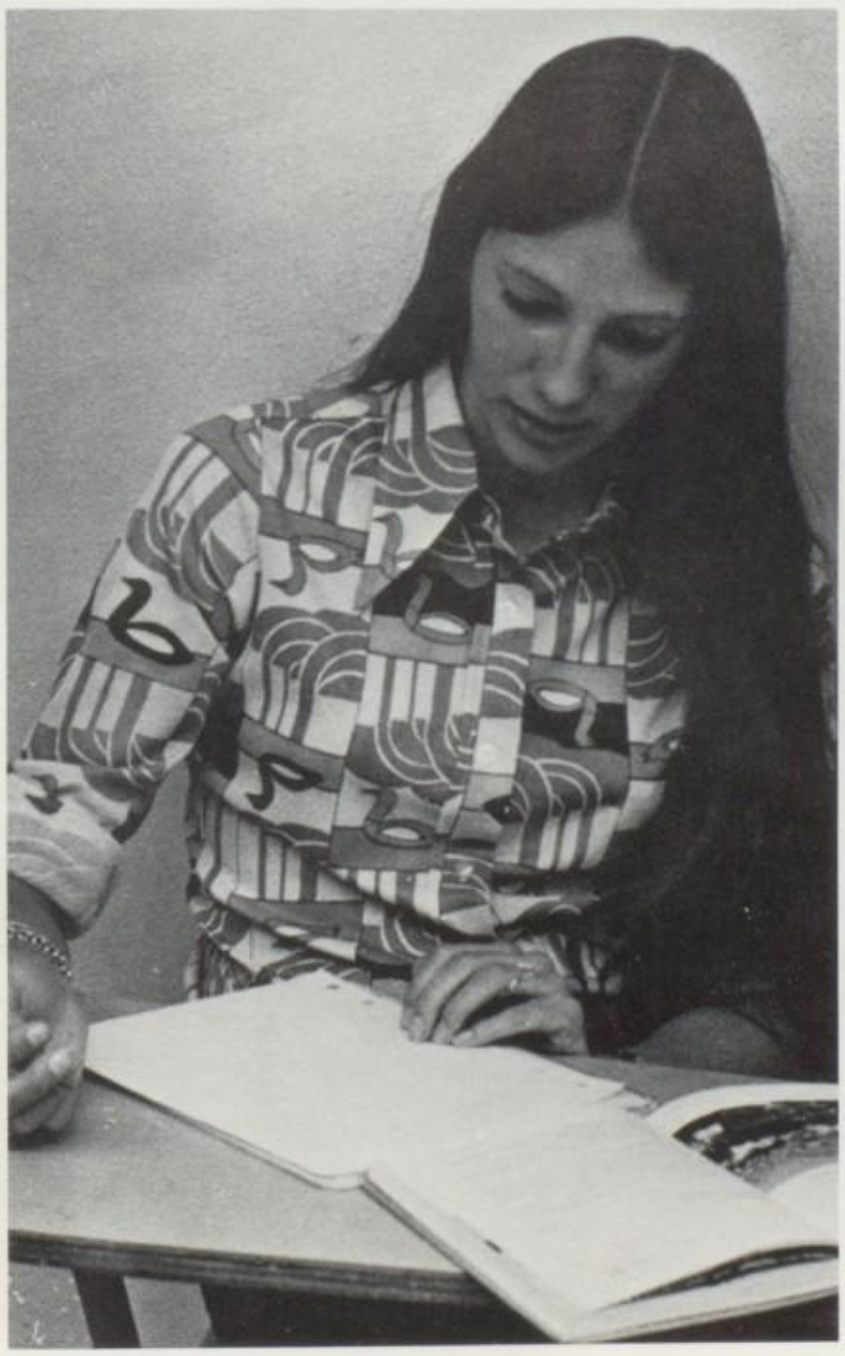


School Newspaper Covers Wide Variety Of Local, National Events, Throughout Past Year

Through the hassles of deadlines and meeting printing costs, a staff of eighteen attempted to put out a bi-weekly paper, called the **Smoke Signals.** Within a two week period reporters received tips, wrote and re-wrote stories, and eventually, everything ended up, all over the desk of their advisor, Mrs. Gaudsmith. She made certain that there weren't any questionable articles or pictures. The printing of a 8-page newspaper cost about $200. This cost should have been covered by ad sales but when it wasn't, some money-making projects were needed. These projects ranged from some car washes to a traditional Spring Fair planned for April 24th.

Smoke Signals, in itself, was a small business. It taught the people on staff not only the hard work and printing techniques that were involved in putting out a newspaper but people also learned how to be objective, and were constantly aware of current affairs. Members agree, that being on staff, was a true lesson in tolerance and relationships with people.

Improvement was noticeable, in the **Smoke Signals** this year. Mrs. Francis Gaudsmith felt that this was probably the result of a much reduced staff, and a wider scope of news. The success of the paper has been seen in the response of students and teachers not only in buying the newspaper, but also by taking an active part in it.



FRONT ROW: T. Cartmell; E. Barnett; C. Boudreau. SECOND ROW: C. Moore; J. Jarvis; S. Nouss; L. Adamson; K. Howell. THIRD ROW: S. Bullock; D. Beck; K. Nash; L. Carter; J. Dunwody. BACK ROW: M. Bulger; F. Gaudsmith, spon.; G. Sjostrom, Ed.; C. Smith; and C. Taliancich.

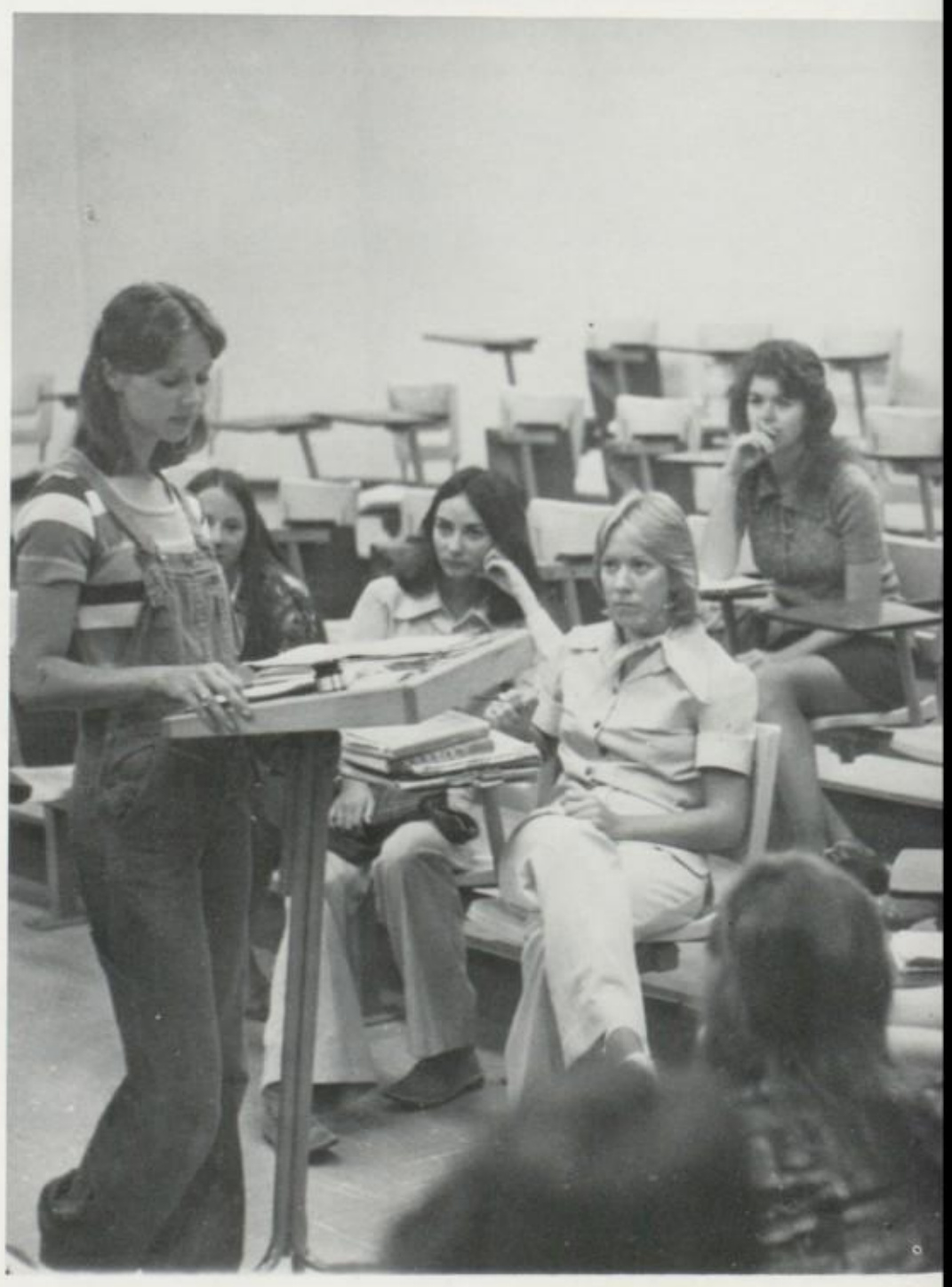
Interest Club Of The Year Devotes Effort To YMCA Youth Legislature, School Activities

Under the leadership of President Jill Barker, Senior Tri-Hi-Y had a very active year. Their activities ranged from the Halloween Carnival to Youth Legislature.

To raise money for these various projects, the club had a booth at the annual Halloween Carnival, held car washes, and also sold Bicentennial Snoopy jewelry.

Members who participated in the Youth Legislature program spent three days in the capitol of Florida experiencing a mock session of the state government. The CHS delegation researched and authored bills.

This being the 200th birthday of the United States, Senior Tri-Hi-Y worked on various Bicentennial projects. They started out by participating in the Racetrack Road clean up project which was sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Choctaw Hi-Y club. The club finished the year by collecting money for the FWB Bicentennial statue to be built in commemoration of U.S. independence.

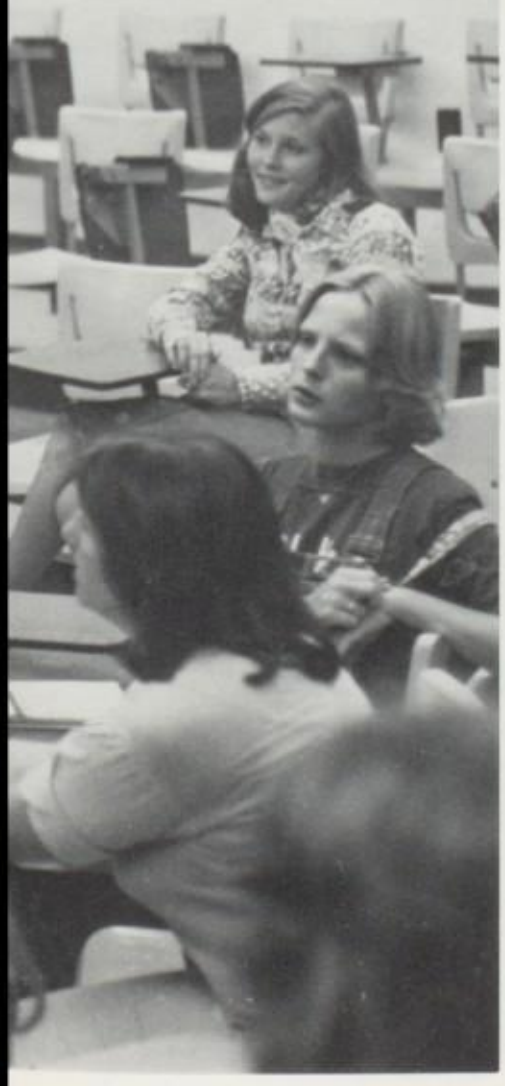


Top Right: Jill Barker is an active club president. She keeps members in tune using various forms of parliamentary procedures club members learn at Youth Legislature.

Center Left: All four "Y" clubs parade their Homecoming float around the tracks during the pre-game festivities. The originality of their float makes it a winner in its own right.

Bottom Center: Club sponsor Mrs. Gaudsmith listens to what the club has planned for the upcoming two weeks. She has served as sponsor since 1972.

FRONT ROW: Connie Good, Becky Simmons, Janet Galloway, Roxie Lambert, Arno Justman, gentleman; Linda Ash, Kerri Sanders, Barbara Meltzer, Leah Tidwell. SECOND ROW: Jill Barker, pres.; Debbie Smith, treas.; Cindy Madere, Laura Ciemenecki, Tammy Pearson, Bev McPhail, Laurie Wright, Tammy Fortenberry, Danielle Lutz, Lisa Harris, Vicki Freeman, Debbie Garner, Julie Golden. BACK ROW: Julie Harris, Val Fendrick, Karen Parks, Jan Carpenter, Jan Jarvis, Janis Wright, Lisa Adams, chap.; Angela Bludworth, Naomi Spears, Belinda Craig, Micki Giroux, Cindy Vega, Charylene Gatlin, sec.; Barbie Barrow, Debbie Padden, Lenora Stanley, Joan Shepard, Cheri Smith, Maureen Clancy, v.pres.; Mrs. Gaudsmith, sponsor.



Top Left: Micki Giroux has grown up, but she still enjoys playing dress up. During the Halloween Carnival, Hicksville seems to be right up Micki's alley.

Bottom Center: Arno Justman, club gentleman, is a real sweetheart. As a gentlemanly gesture, he sends the club members Valentines' Day cards on February 14.

Bottom Right: At a regular meeting Jill Barker, president, goes over the details of a new club project involving Spring Sports. Sr. Tri-Hi-Y is "Interest Club of the Year."

The 1975-76 members of Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y: FRONT ROW: D. Thompson, B. Vance, K. Sparks, R. Lewis, C. Smith, R. Hollern, A. Tashik, L. Wallace, S. Kaiser, L. Pritchard, N. Stanley, L. Porter. SECOND ROW: J. Johnson, S. Laird, P. Rader, D. Droteff, B. Blair, K. Davis, J. Drew, V. Russell, L. Timmerman, S. Weatherford, T. Gold, L. Goldsmith. THIRD ROW: D. Giesking, M. Barco, S. Dyess, K. Krause, D. Freeman, L. Nall, N. Evett, P. Walker, L. Grimes, A. Ardery, K. Dunn, A. Herring. FOURTH ROW: L. McCarty, M. P. Johnson, M. Pope, J. Johnson, M. Hendricks, B. Clark, K. Hall, E. Handley, K. Kegley, D. Edwards, L. Glenn, C. Jackson. LAST ROW: R. Duke, L. Long, M. Moore, C. Gilmore, L. McAuley, C. Kelley, S. Schaefer, L. Nicolos, J. Buchebner, and F. Spears.

Bottom Left: The Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs are unique in the Homecoming Parade with their people float. Members turn signs and flip posters at designated intervals.

Bottom Center: In creating enthusiasm for the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y Halloween Carnival, Kay Dunn dresses as a clown. All club members were asked to promote the carnival like this.

Interest Clubs Lift School Spirit With Sign Paintings, Bicentennial Projects, Youth Leg.

Soph. and Jr. Tri-Hi-Y offered girls of those classes an opportunity to get involved in the YMCA program. It was the only club at CHS which did not require recommendations or judging to enter. Many CHS girls participated in the organizations. Jr. Tri-Hi-Y supported a membership of over 70, while Soph. Tri-Hi-Y had over 60 members.

Both of the clubs sponsored projects for the school and community. They both held sign paintings, aided with fostering school spirit, which enabled them to win the "Spirit Stick." Other projects had both clubs cleaning medians along Racetrack Road and Junior Tri-Hi-Y painting fire hydrants. The clubs also sponsored the Halloween Carnival and a beach party along with Senior Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y at the end of the year. Youth Legislature preparations was the most honored activity. Both clubs with their sister and brother organizations served in the YMCA sponsored Youth Legislature in Tallahassee. Brenda Bludworth's bill was third and Allison Herring's ranked fourth.

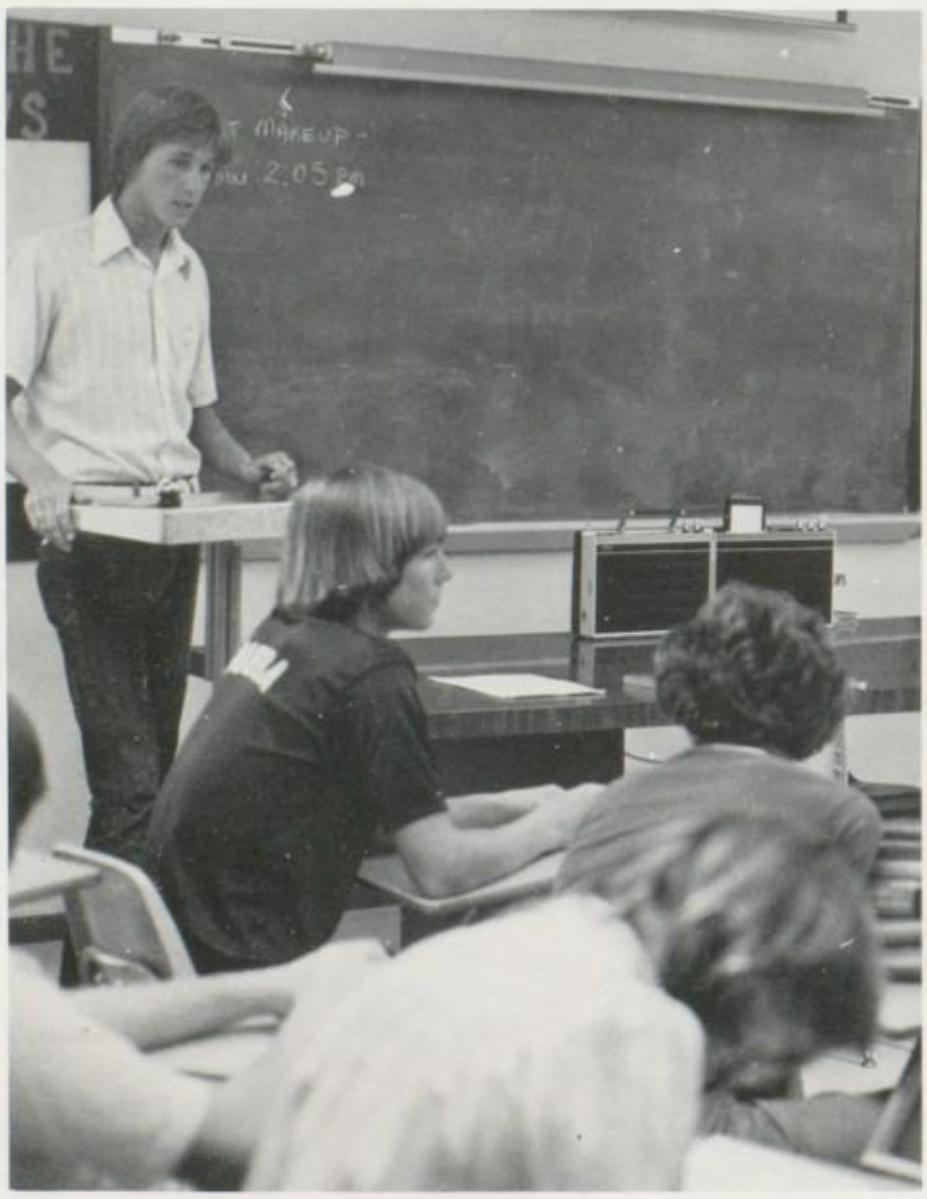
Junior Tri-HiY consisted of: FRONT ROW: L. West, G. Gower, L. Young, D. Middleton, M. Thoreen, C. Crews, C. Sowell, B. Bludworth, A. Autry, L. Hickenbothem, R. Ayers, G. Rasberry, D. Humpheries. SECOND ROW: H. Lacey, V. Scherer, D. Hinton, M. Bryant, D. Giroux, C. McNamara, S. Carlson, J. Bodenhamer, E. Buchebner, B. Woolsey, P. Tatum, M. Miller, C. Maggert, S. Becker, T. Bryant, Mrs. Ross. THIRD ROW: S. Branch, P. Smith, D. Bryanison, L. Armstrong, L. Kerr, Y. Busse, K. Warren, S. Cantin, K. Saxor, T. Long, L. Webber, L. Cooper. FOURTH ROW: L. Drew, D. Blizzard, S. Anderson, D. Gregory, S. Stolpe, P. Hane, J. Ditterline, K. Tucker, D. Wade, P. Griffin, B. Kohler, J. Fendrick, L. Lyttle, G. Giesen, L. Nichols, L. Gilbert, T. Huey, S. McCormac, R. McCellan, B. Wildberger, K. Yii, N. Bullock, L. Nichols, K. Jones, and T. Sherman.

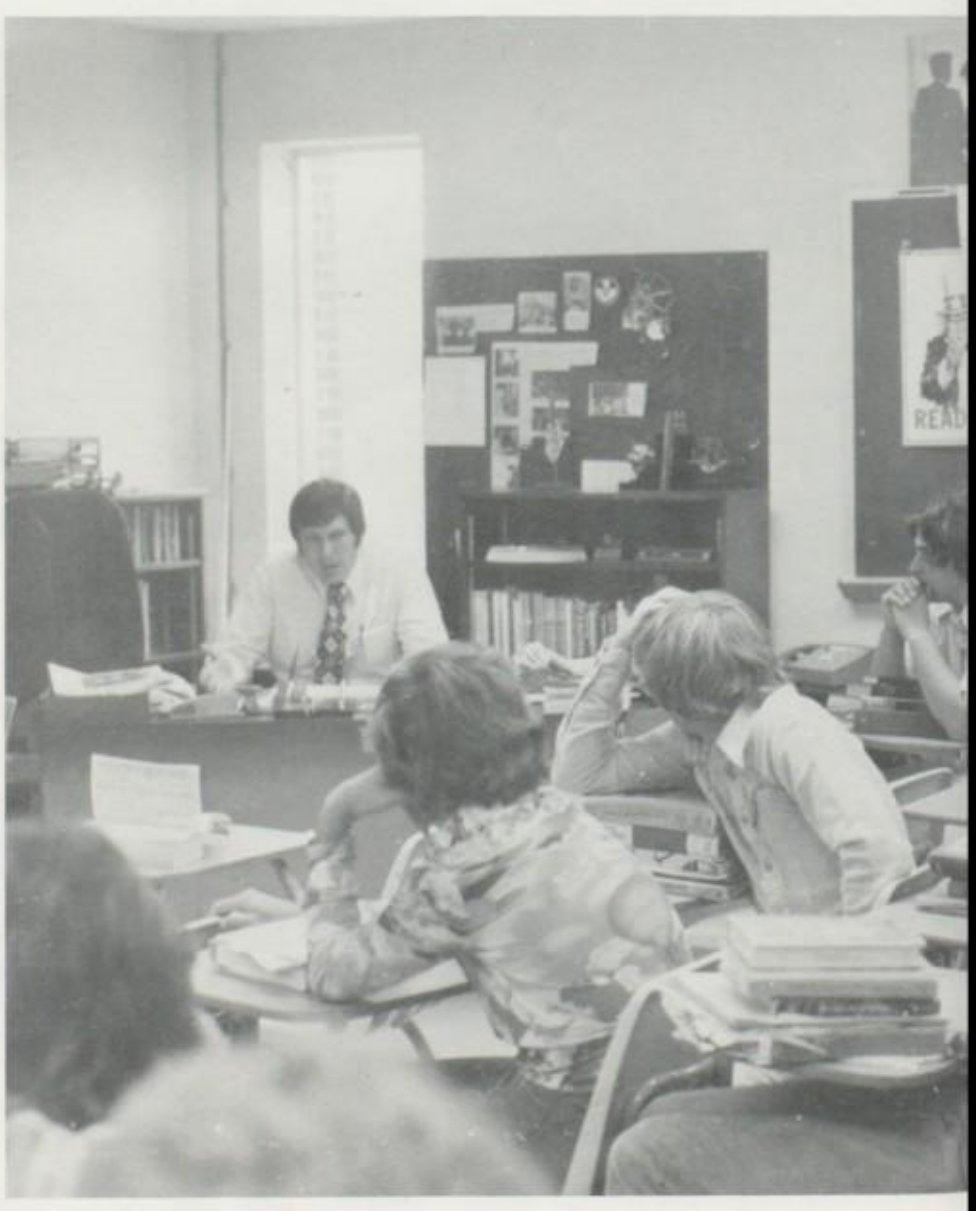
Top Center: During Homecoming Parade Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y officers Allison Herring, Jan Johnson, Norma Stanley, Sharon Schaefer, and Gentleman Steve Brockman ride in their car.

Bottom Center: In the Tri-Hi-Y, Hi-Y club's Halloween Carnival many different clubs participate with booths of all kinds including a fortune teller booth by Keyettes.

Top Center: Bubba Garner gets dunked at the Halloween Carnival. The students attempted to dunk the person sitting in the cage. This was only one of the many booths set up.

The 1975-76 Hi-Y club members are, FRONT ROW: Greg VanLier, Andy Register, Lynn Hinton, Mike Adams, Jim Frazier, Mike Waldron, Mike Arnold, Barry Jones, Mike Meyers; SECOND ROW: Vernon Johnson, David Martin, Don Kessler, Bobby LeCroy, Todd Crumpler, Arno Justman, Chuck Boudreau, Chris Poschel, Craig Wright, Russell Kendrick; THIRD ROW: John Stroppel, Mike Clay, Scott Bures, Tom Kidder, Danny Vickers, Jim Sconnely, Mike Womble, Bubba Garner, vice-pres., Paul Petery, Steve Hall, John Cherniga, pres., Larry Barker, Scott Penny, Carl Sconnely, Steve Brockman, Randy Bailey, Eddie Lumpkin, Mike Johnson, Mike Curtis, Jim Parrish, David Giesking, sec., Robert Harden, Carey McWhorter.





Bicentennial Activities, Halloween Carnival Youth Leg., Makes Up Full Year For Club

As an active club, Hi-Y is open to any male member of the student body. The club participated in a variety of activities throughout the year. Club President John Cherniga led the club in sponsoring and setting up booths at the annual Halloween Carnival and getting members interested in Youth Legislature, plus he also represented the club at the Inter-club Council meetings. Hi-Y also took first place in the "Way-Out" Games" held by the Smoke Signals Staff. Hi-Y members also participated in a city Bicentennial project which involved cleaning up the Racetrack Road median strips. Every year the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs get together with other Tri-Hi-Y clubs for a nationwide conference in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Many members from Choctaw's Hi-Y club will be going to Blue Ridge this summer.

Bottom Left: John Cherniga, president, leads the discussion during a club meeting. The members are debating the pros and cons on the Racetrack Road clean-up project.

Bottom Center: Mr. Don Kyzer, Hi-Y club sponsor, talks to members about running for club offices. Mr. Kyzer actively solicits support in all forms of student government.

Center Right: Spooks, fairies, and of course, Count Dracula can always be seen at the Halloween Carnival. John Stercho adds a little extra originality to his costume.

Service To School, Community In Addition To Social Activities; Overall Resolution Of Club

The Keyettes started the year's calendar during the summer when they worked with the mentally retarded at the community center. The girls did many things for and with these exceptional children throughout the year. They took them Christmas shopping and dressed up as the characters from *The Wizard of Oz* in a play at Silver Sands.

The club welcomed the sophomores to Choctaw when guiding them at Open House and Orientation. They also sponsored a Welcome Wagon for new students, lending a helping hand and a tour of the school.

Teacher's birthdays were honored with cakes and cards. The teacher of the month was sweetened up with goodies each day of their month. The girls also aided the teachers in cleaning their classrooms and the library after school let out.

Keyettes collected items for the Vietnamese refugees and donated food and clothing to the Salvation Army and Good Hope. Another community service project which was carried out was visiting senior citizens monthly. These and numerous other endeavors helped make them Choctawhatchee's "Service Club of the Year."

FRONT ROW: Randy Bailey, gentleman; Vicki Wentzel, Becky Woolsey, Karen Yii, Inger Sjostrom, Janey Galloway, pres.; Ann Neel, v. pres.; Kim Warren, treas.; Jami Costin, sec.; Rhonda Williams, parlia.; Debbie Anderson, sr. rep.; Diane Monte, Brenda Bludworth, Tammy FrFortenberry, pub. rel.; Bev McPhail. BACK ROW: Tami Cox, Sally Holler, Susan McDonald, soph. rep.; Gretchen Sjostrom, Terri Baker, Janice O'Bryant, Laura Nichols, jr. rep.; Ellie Buchebner, Mary Thoreen, Amy Autry, Angela Bludworth, Lisa Long, Gwen Gieson, Kim McPhail.

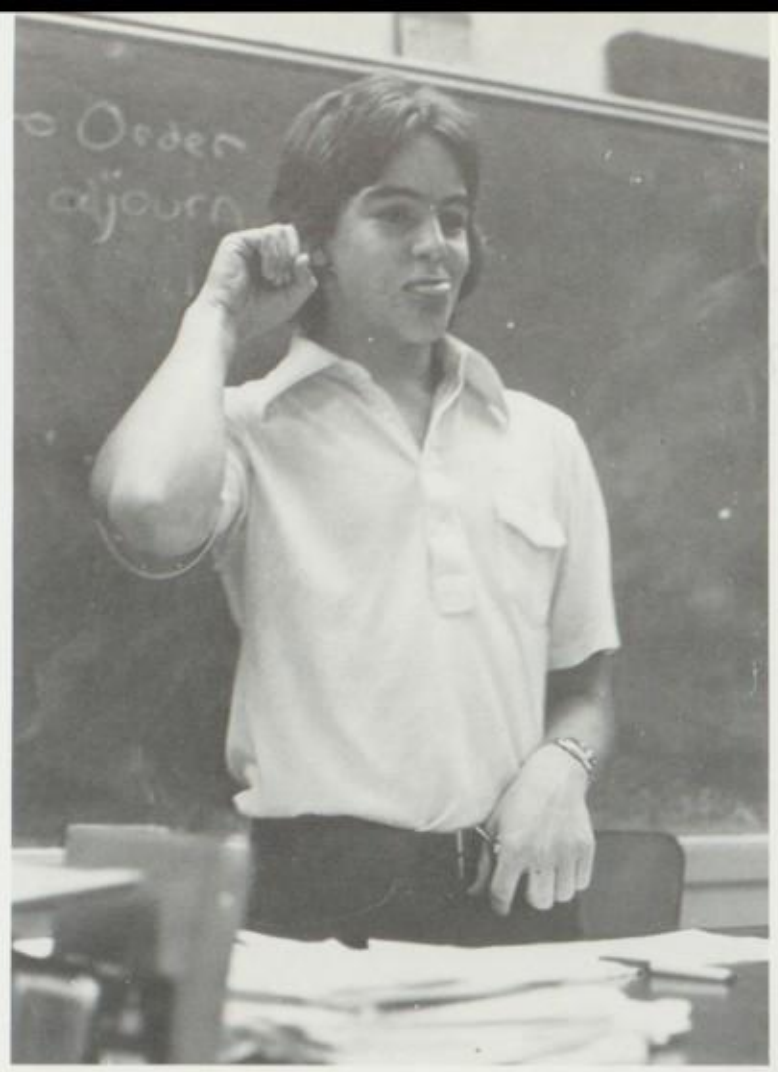
Top Left: Even though Mimi Johnson and Cindy Tuttle are second semester initiates, they pitch in to paint fire hydrants in celebration of the Bicentennial year.

Top Right: The Keyettes and Key Club sponsor several joint projects throughout the year, including working on Homecoming floats and cars for the annual parade.

Bottom Left: The reparation of Holey Moley is a traditional Keyette project. Almost all of the girls turn out to help Janet Galloway mix plaster, remold, and repaint the totem pole.

Center Right: Although they are big girls now, the Keyettes enjoy playing dress up. All of the initiates love their "Big Sis," lollipops, and Raggedy Ann dollies.

Bottom Right: Keyettes spend long hours after school, devoting time to service projects, sign paintings, and fun activities. Susan McDonald "loves Keyettes" and enjoys the work.

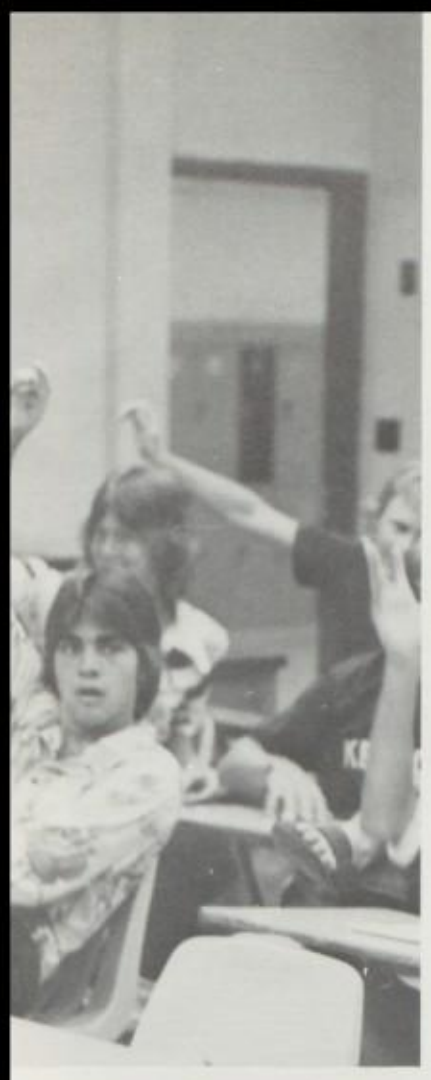


Top Left: Barry Jones demonstrates his leadership ability in numerous ways. In order to be a successful president, one must be strict and yet have a sense of humor.

Bottom Right: Key Club initiates prepare to begin a "fairy" nice day. They can't wait to wave their magic wands, doing good deeds and granting wishes to active Key Clubbers.

Top Right: At all club meetings there seems to be important business of which to dispense. At times, voting can be a toss-up but is more often just a formality.

Center Left: The Key Club participates in the Kiwanis Save-a-Life program. Bubba Garner teaches Kelly Conklin how to take blood pressure and informs him of coronary dangers.



Attendance At Convention Reaps Two Awards; Outstanding Club, Secretary In District One

The Choctawhatchee Key Club was one of the more active guys' service clubs this year. After the school suffered damage due to Hurricane Eloise, the group had a major part in the ensuing clean-up.

Members participated in the Heart Association's blood drive and the distribution of money. For this, they named Key the Outstanding Club.

The Kiwanis of Fort Walton Beach sponsored the Choctaw Key Club this year. Many community service projects that were undertaken by the organization were those associated with Kiwanis. These included such things as the Old Timers' Fishing Tournament and a tennis tournament.

Many of the club's activities were correlated with Keyettes. The groups had a joint barbecue, went Christmas Caroling together, and paddled down a river in canoes.

When they attended a Key Club convention, Choctaw walked off with the only two awards. The honors were — Outstanding Club in District One and Outstanding Secretary in the district.

SITTING: Steve Brockman, Gary Phillips, Bruce Berg, David Simpson, Janet Galloway, sweetheart; Mike Campbell, Jean Wright, Mike Johnson, treas.; Eddie Lumpkin, Randy Bailey, Luke Gontarek. STANDING: Todd Crumpler, Kelly Conklin, John Cherniga, Barry Jones, pres.; Mike Meyers, Bucky Buchanon, Jim Sconnely, sec.; Steve Hall, Skip Singleton, Mike Madaris, and Mr. Damon Landingham, sp. compose the 1975-76 Key Club.

Club's Activities, Service Projects Include Proofreading Braille, Assisting Lions Club

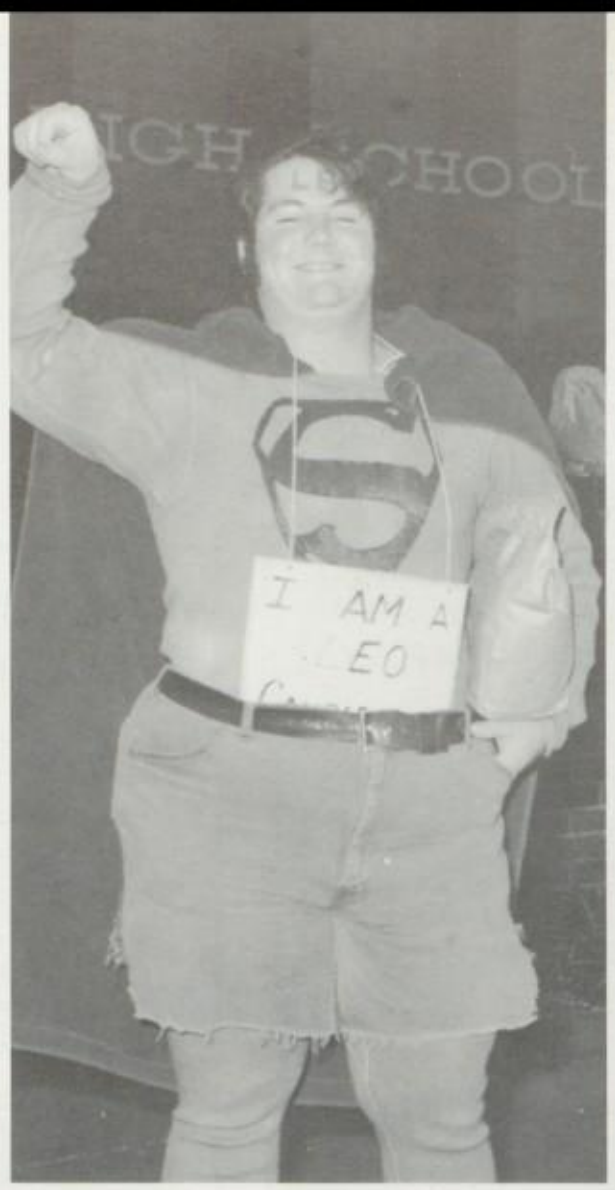
The Choctawhatchee Leo Club was sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach Lions Club. The Leo Club was noted for being Choctaw's only co-ed service club.

Under the leadership of Chuck Boudreau and with help from Mrs. Sotile and Mr. Edwards, club sponsors, the Leo Club was very busy during the year.

The club's many service projects included being aides for the Miracle Strip Marching Contest, helping with Lions Radio Day, and proofreading braille. Under money-making projects the club parked cars for the Bowlegs Krewe, and painted curbs throughout the year to buy two braille typewriters.

After a long hot day of fun and excitement at the, "Way Out Games," the Leo Club received six ribbons in individual events. Also they received second place overall.

This year the club decided to have a cookout-swimming party. During the end of the party, the upcoming officers were announced.



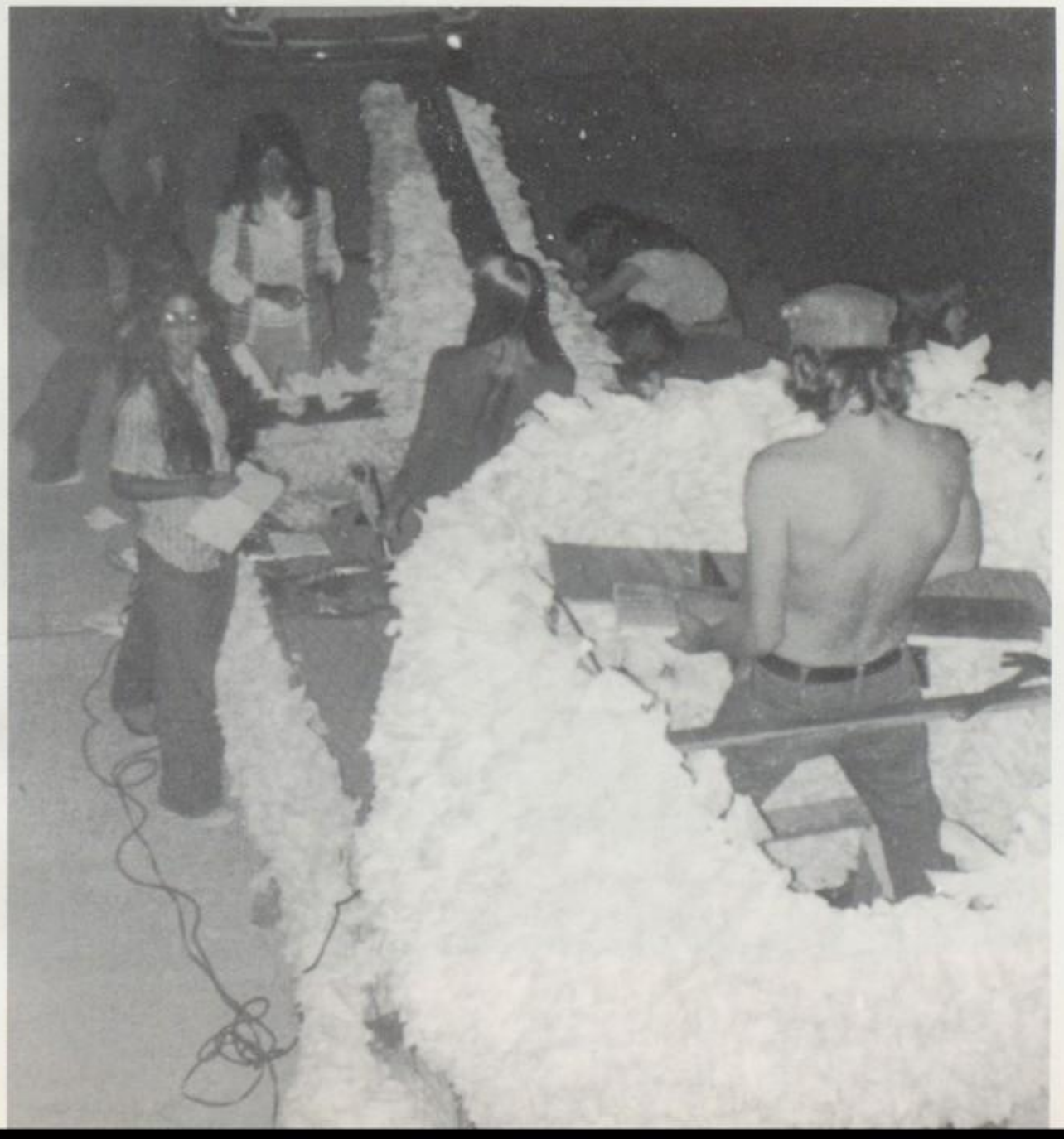
Center Left: Leo Club Sweetheart, Sherry Smith, along with Gentleman Chuck Boudreau, wave gracefully at Homecoming crowd during 1975-1976 Homecoming Parade.

FRONT ROW: Janice Loyd, Jim Loyd, Chuck Boudreau, Sandy Fields, Linda Carter. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Gilbert, Robert Hernandez, Jeanie Egleston, Jeff Myers, Roberta Mains, Howie Joines, Sherry Smith, Annette Goodkin, Mark Randels, Ron Rockery. THIRD ROW: Pete Straub, Besty Bauer, Kathy Sotile, Janice Raliegh, Lisa Fillion, Annette Poschel, Kathy Fields, Patti Hane, Cindy Hinson, Kathy Cox, Jenny Bennett. BACK ROW: Randy Koran, Cindy Brooks, Mark Todd, Danny Price, Tammie Kelley, Don Shade, Scott Waters, Scott Riley, Mike Waldren, Cory Peterson, Doug Hudson, Denise Drotleff, Scott Yeager.

Linda Carter, Girls VP; Howie Joines, Boys VP; Chuck Boudreau, President; Jeff Myers, Parliamentarian; Sherry Smith, Treasurer; Sandy Fields, Secretary; Cindy Hinson, Historian.

Center Right: One of the important service donated by Leo Club members is to help proofread the braille work. Here, Linda Carter reads while Mrs. Hane checks the braille dots.

Bottom Right: During the hectic week of Homecoming, Leo Club members worked diligently on their float so it will be ready for Saturday night's activities.



Top Left: It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's, Peter Straub, dressed as Superman for the Leo Club's initiation. New girl initiates for the Leo Club, dressed up as Wonder Woman.

Successful Mr. Mock Typical Of Clubs Work, Members Rewarded With Trip To Six Flags

Under the guiding leadership of Karen Park, Wheelettes started the year with the usual goody-bags for the football players. This activity, along with painting signs and presenting skits, helped them to win the spirit stick four times. During this season, they also gave WNUE a plaque of appreciation.

Concerning service projects, the Wheelettes performed exceptionally well, hosting many worthwhile activities which benefited both the community and school. During the fall, the club held a Thanksgiving Dinner at the convalescent home and took exceptional students Christmas shopping. In aiding Choctaw, the club donated trophies to the speech department, gave $100 to the YMCA, decorated the Christmas tree in the library, worked the concession stand at home basketball games, and sold tickets to the Dating Game.

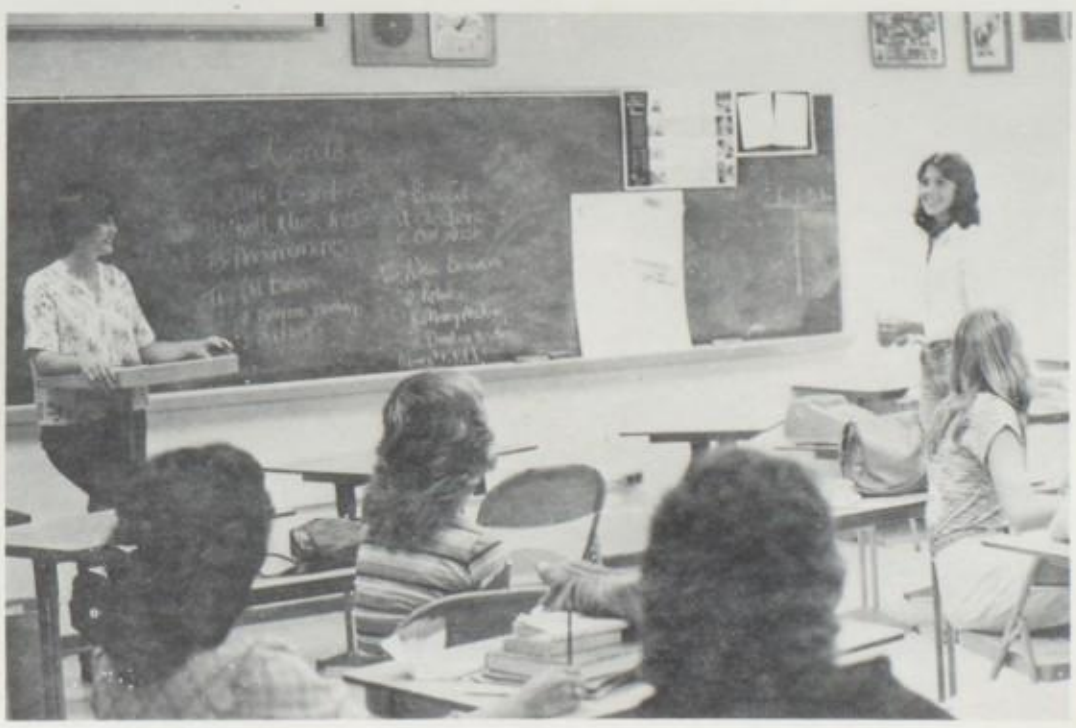
In raising money, the club held two car washes and sold Halloween, Bit-O-Chocolate, and summer-time candies. With this money, the club sponsored the Mr. Mock CHS contest. The title went to Jim "Tinkerbell" Parish. On May seventh, eighth, and ninth the Wheelettes, along with Optimiss, took a well deserved trip to Six Flags Over Georgia. After returning, the club ended the year with a banquet at the Sheraton.

Top Left: At the Choctaw-FWB pep rally, Karen Park presents WNUE's general manager, Dutch Van, with a plaque of appreciation, for all that they have done for the school.

Bottom Right: During Initiations, Wheelette clowns take part in a little "inter-club competition" by rolling an Optimiss member. Each year the club takes in 15 new members.

Top Left: Karen Park, Wheelette President, quiets the club with raps of the gavel. This small instrument is an important part of conducting club meetings effectively.

FRONT ROW: Wynn Rivers, Secretary; Gayle Raspberry, Historian; Karen Park, President; Grimes, Laura Ciemirecki, Treasurer; Debbie Middleton, Vice-President. SECOND ROW: Lynn Grimming, Lisa McLaughlin, Dru Coleman, Becki Simmons, Robin Duke, Gail Venuti, Lynda Shahid, Diane Weaver. BACK ROW: Kathy Mills, Cindy Findley, Georgia Gower, Michelle Furmage, Sharon Cosgrove, Barbara Griffen, Pam Leonard, Mary Johnson, Debbie Floyd, Lisa Shahid, Denise Bailey.



Bottom Right: During a weekly meeting, Gail Raspberry, historian, gives a short report on the scrapbook, while passing around some pictures taken during the Six Flags trip.

Homecoming Float, Intramural Basketball, Bus Trips, Eloise Clean-Up, Add To 8usy Year

The year started early for Interact members as they performed their first service project in May of '75. Eleven members carried torches in the Billy Bowlegs parade as a service to the Rotary Club of FWB. In the fall, the club continued its service by painting the guard poles used by the cheerleaders at football games. They also lent their aid in cleaning up the school after Hurricane Eloise came through town. In December, Interact sponsored the First Annual Door Decorating Contest, and gave cakes to Mrs. Anchors and Mr. Gorden for their hard work.

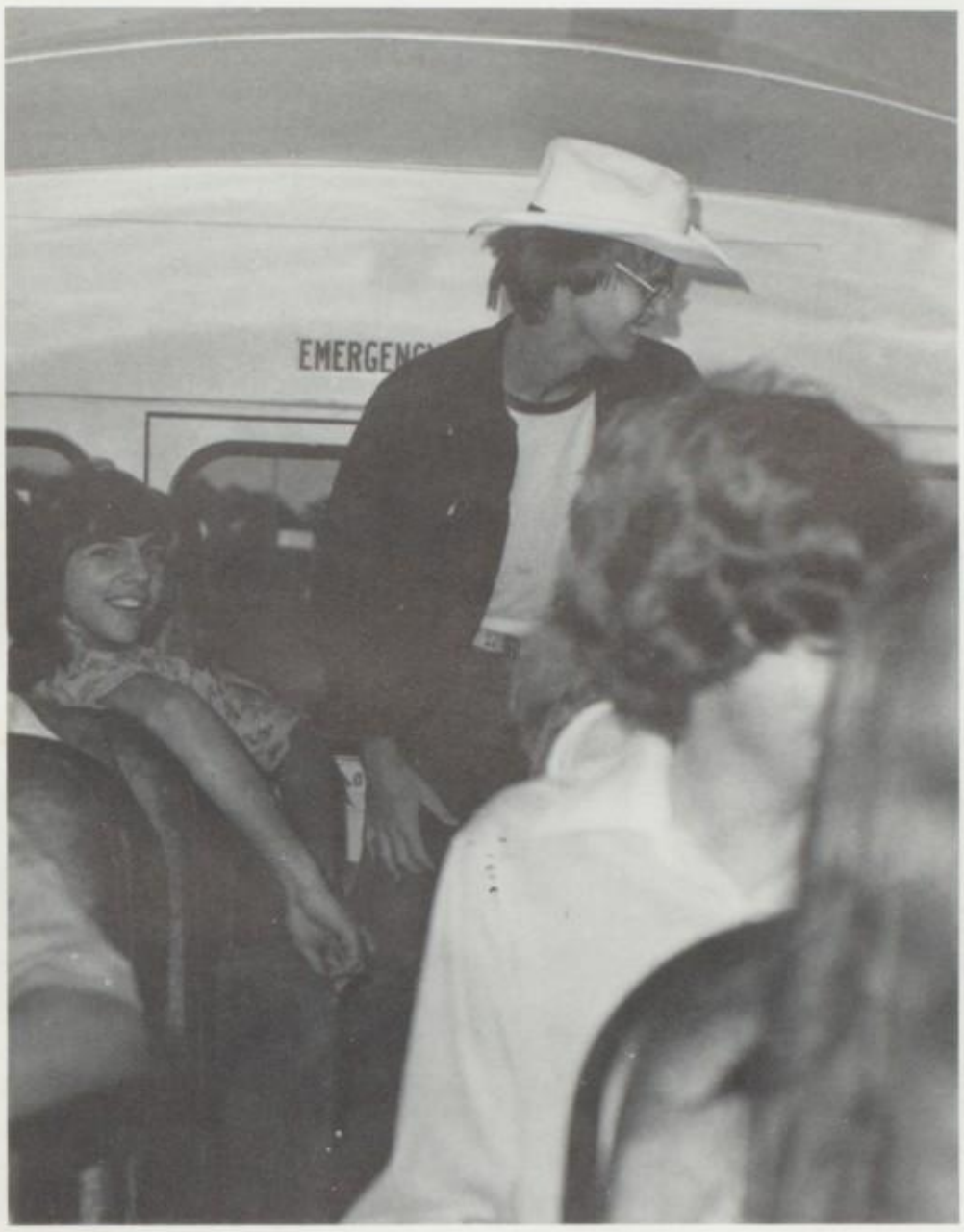
To earn money in the early part of the school year, Interact again sponsored student buses to football games. This year, however, attendance on these buses was lower than usual and thus the club lost out on needed money. To help compensate for this, the members also sold Choctaw T-shirts and held two rummage sales on the school lawn.

In the spring, Interact sponsored the annual intramural basketball games, as both a service and moneymaking project. The Racetrack clean up came in late April, along with the club's suspension from ICC. This unfortunate happening prevented the club from staging its biggest activity of the year: the Interact Book of Records.

Top Left: Interact President, Roy Bertram, recalls his second childhood, while checking out items to be sold during the rumage sale. They held two rumage sales on the front lawn.

Center Left: Club members, Steve Haug and Johnny Papas help customers find what they need. The rumage sales helped the club pay for buses they sponsored in the fall.

FRONT ROW: Jeff Johnson, Miles Valentine, Mike Soave, Tim Hudson, Dan Riley, Mr. Robert Sheffield; sponsor, Roy Bertram; president, Mike Early, Mike Curtis, Chuck Lovings, Alonzo Boston, Jeff Perkins. BACK ROW: Scott Penny, Jeff Breese, Randy Banks, Mike Clay, Craig Harris, George Bosnake, Steve Albright, Jim Parish, Chris Poschel, Carl Sconnely, Jay Massey, Archie Johns, Steve Haug, Bruce Ciemiecki, Greg Garner, Robert Shuttle, Lance Powell.



Top Left: Interact members, Jeff Johnson and Roy Bertram keep a close eye on the students riding a bus to an away football game, which are sponsored by their club.

Top Right: The Interact float built through a joint effort between the aforementioned club and the Wheelettes, won first place in the Homecoming competition.

Bottom Right: Learning to do the hustle is just a small part of the emparrassing initiations new members must go through. Dressing up as "sexy foxes" adds to the spirit.

Club Makes Hit Selling Flowers For Gifts, Special Occasions As Money-Making Project

This year's Entre Nous Club has been one of the most active yet. During Homecoming Week in October, they had their initiation along with several other clubs. The girls dressed up like their favorite animals and the new members sang and danced at an outdoor pep rally.

Their float in the Homecoming parade had a Bicentennial theme of Betsy Ross sewing the American flag.

Entre Nous' main money-making project for the year was selling flowers on different occasions, green and white carnations for Saint Patrick's Day and gladiolas for Easter.

Entre Nous sponsored the "Little Miss Playground" contest that was held in the Choctawhatchee Auditorium, a beauty contest for little girls. Four hundred dollars, the proceeds from this contest, were donated to the School of Hope.

Bottom Left: Entre Nous members gather in the grocery store. Entre Nous is a club that performs many services for the school and community. It is also a chance to have fun.

Bottom Right: Erin Terrell and Cathy Pritchard clown around after a meeting at school. Meetings are usually held twice a month to discuss further activities.

Top Left: President Beth McDonald seems to be saying, "I want YOU!" Part of being in a club is to have a good time when you can, but also at times being serious is vital.

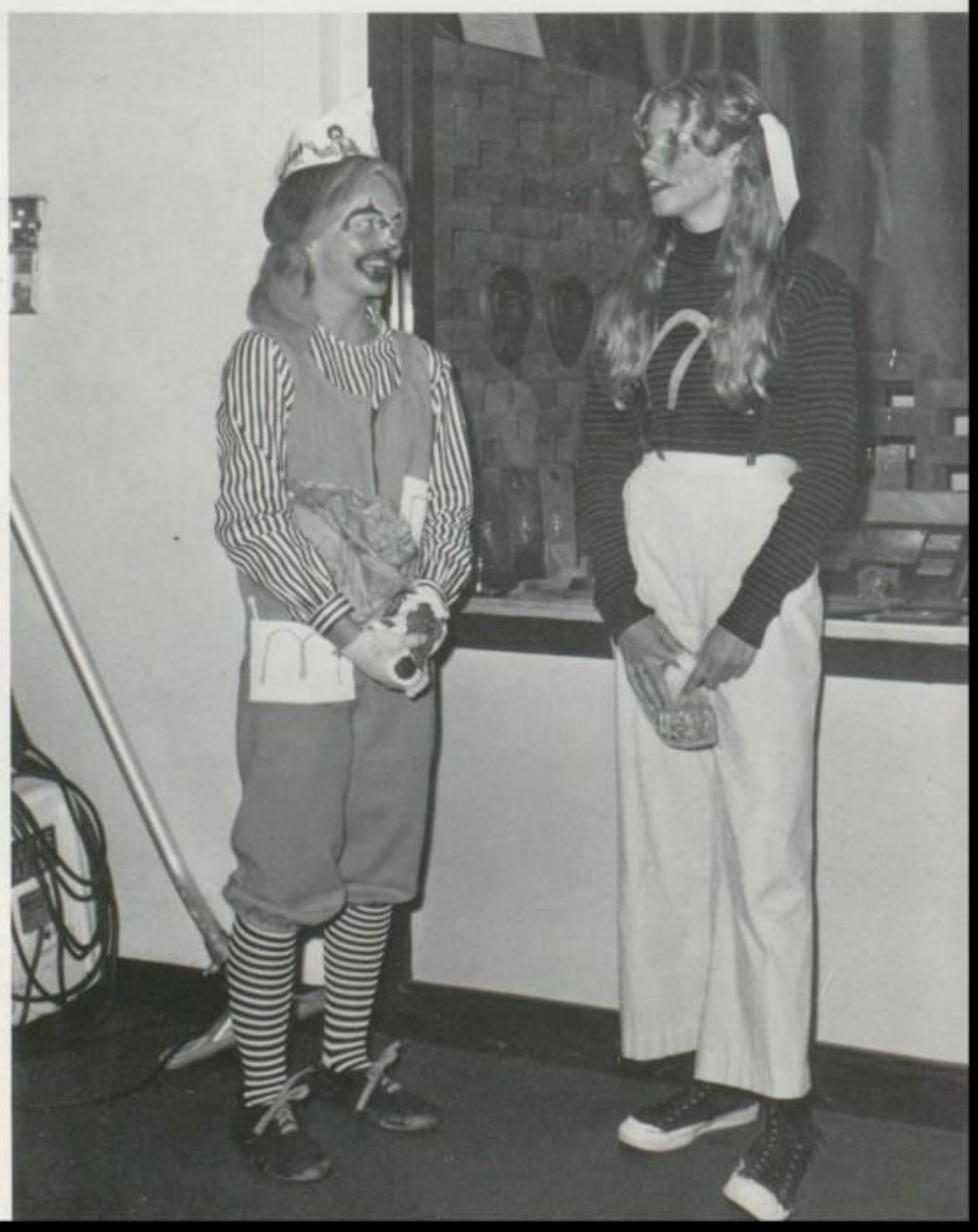
Top Center: The Bicentennial red, white, and blue theme of Entre Nous' Homecoming float sails through the pre-game parade. It's a lot of hard work putting together a float.

Top Right: Suzanne Phillips leads "Little Miss Oyster Shanty" down the aisle in the "Little Miss Playground" contest sponsored by Entre Nous and held at CHS.

FRONT ROW: Stephani Schiller, Judy Ricks, Julie Frederick, Beth McDonald, pres., Cindy Skeen, Erin Terrell, Lisa Templin, Cathy Sundy, Sandy Smith, Cathy Pritchard, Tara Orlando, Selina Weathers, Mitzi Sullivan. TOP ROW: Karen McClanahan, Tami Kelly, Pam Mahr, Greer Grooms, Karen Greybill, Sharon King, Susan Cosgrove, Glenda Hatcher, Kerry Clark, Julie Russell, Karen Mann, Margaret Barco, as shown on the stairway of one of the members' home.

Top Right: Susie Whatley narrates an Optimiss skit at one of the outdoor pep rallies. Optimiss contributed much to help the rallies be more exciting for everyone.

Top Left: Some Optimiss members pose for a shot in their original McDonald land outfits. At the beginning of the year new members were "kidnapped" after being chosen.



Bottom Left: Susie Whatley helps a youngster paint his feet so he can step on the Optimiss spirit sign. Optimiss put up many signs during football season to promote spirit.

Bottom Right: Patti Whitehead and Vicki Seeger give out their goodies on Optimiss initiation day. The new members dressed up like McDonald land characters.

Girls' Service Club Collects Over $800 In Aid To Cancer Stricken Victim — Sherry Mallick

Service was the key word for Optimiss Girls' Club. Their main project was collecting over 800 dollars for cancer victim Sherry Mallick.

Optimiss contributed during football season in helping make pep rallies more interesting. They put on skits, painted loads of signs, and did their part for spirit.

Christmas was also a busy time for Optimiss. They sold Christmas stockings filled with candy and delivered them during homeroom the day before vacation. They came in first in the Christmas hall-decorating contest with their gingerbread men, fireplace, and stockings. Optimiss also sold chain links to supportive fans in the "Mr. and Miss Irresistible" contest held in February at Choctawhatchee.

On May sixth, seventh, and eighth, Optimiss took a trip to Six Flags with the Wheelette Club.

FRONT ROW: Patti Whitehead, Sydney Campbell, Faith Bergman, Maureen Clancy, sec.; Susie Whatley, v. pres.; Kim Gillespie, Diane Chandler, Tracy Hodgins, Kris Mohl, pres.; Maryanne Prumatico. TOP ROW: Lori Pritchard, Janice Wright, Sue Mills, Carol Dalsanto, treas.; Vicky Seeger, Patti Gunn, Phylis Northy, Joy Brown, hist.; Sandy Doyle, Linda Sanderson, Debbie Collins, Lisa Levy, Lyn Humphries, Vicki Huddleston, Nancy Bixby, Amanda Royster, Norma Hartsvedt, Klay Baker, Cheri Smith, Lynn West, Missy Willey, Suzanne Stevens.

Top: Octagon members pose for an initiation shot. They held their initiation during Homecoming Week with several other clubs at CHS. They were dressed as babies.

FRONT ROW: Nancy Bixby, Fred LaRoche. SECOND ROW: Mike Womble, Jim Frazier, Tom O'Rourke, Dale Folsom, Mike Nelson, Larry Barker, Clark Norton, Dennis Ericson, Vorack Boraquis. BACK ROW: Dennis Smith, Bob Cilek, Richard Howe, Brian McKinney.

Clubs' Main Project Sponsoring First Place Shalimar Minor Little League Baseball Team

The main project for this year's Octagon club was sponsoring a Little League baseball team in Shalimar which came in first place. All the members of Octagon were very proud of their Little Leaguers after their many patient hours of coaching.

During football season, they cleaned the stadium after all home games. For the Homecoming parade, Octagon, along with Optimiss, made a cannon float with a wooden flag in the back.

In October, they had a beach party with Optimiss and also played football games against Key Club and Interact.

Octagon held their end of the year banquet, with Optimiss, at the Coronado. Faith Bergman was named "little sister of the year", an honor given to the best little sister selected by the group.

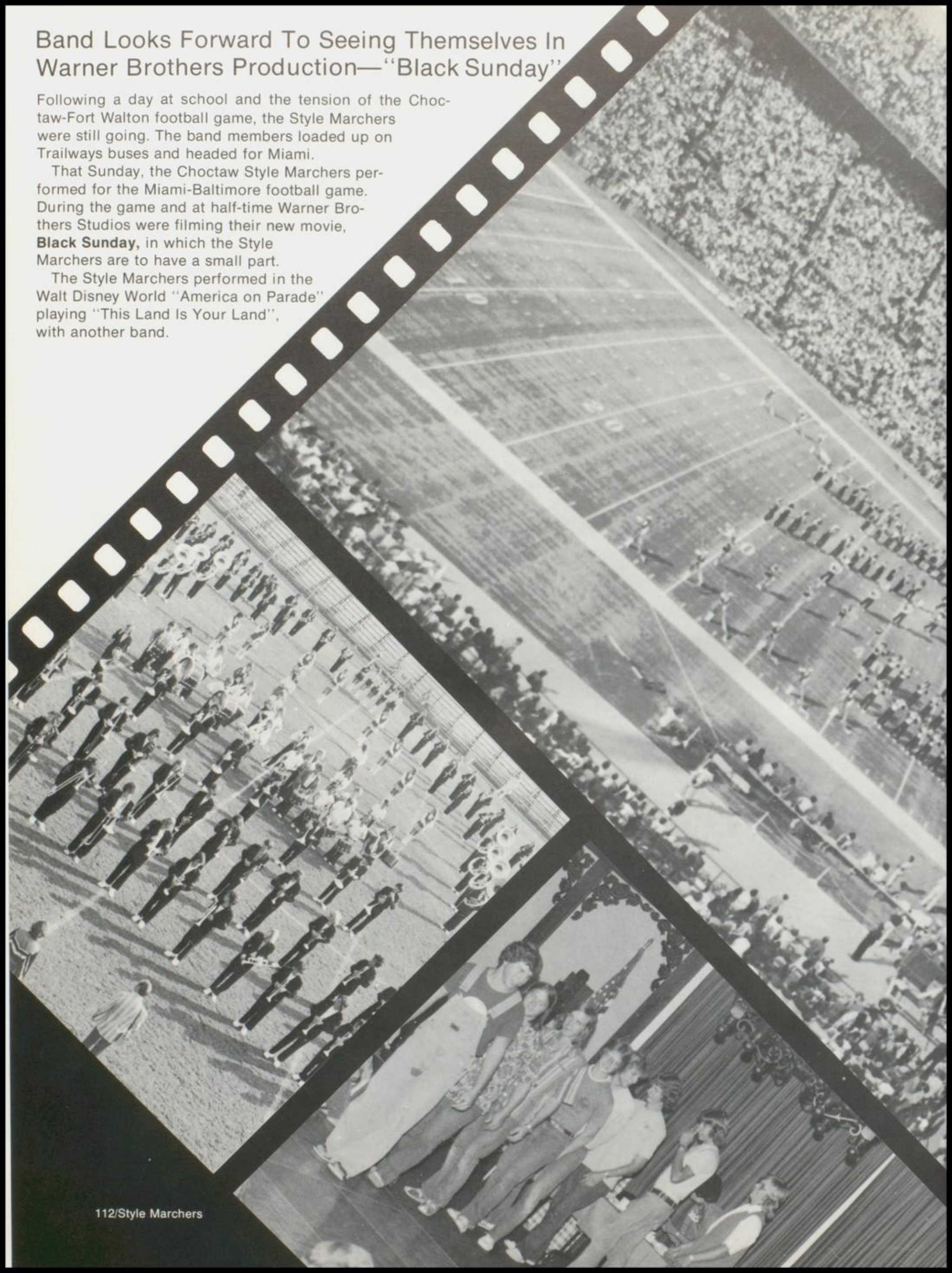
Bottom Left: The Octagon officers stand with Nancy Bixby, their choice as sweetheart. They pick their sweetheart from their sister club Optimiss. She was announced at the banquet.

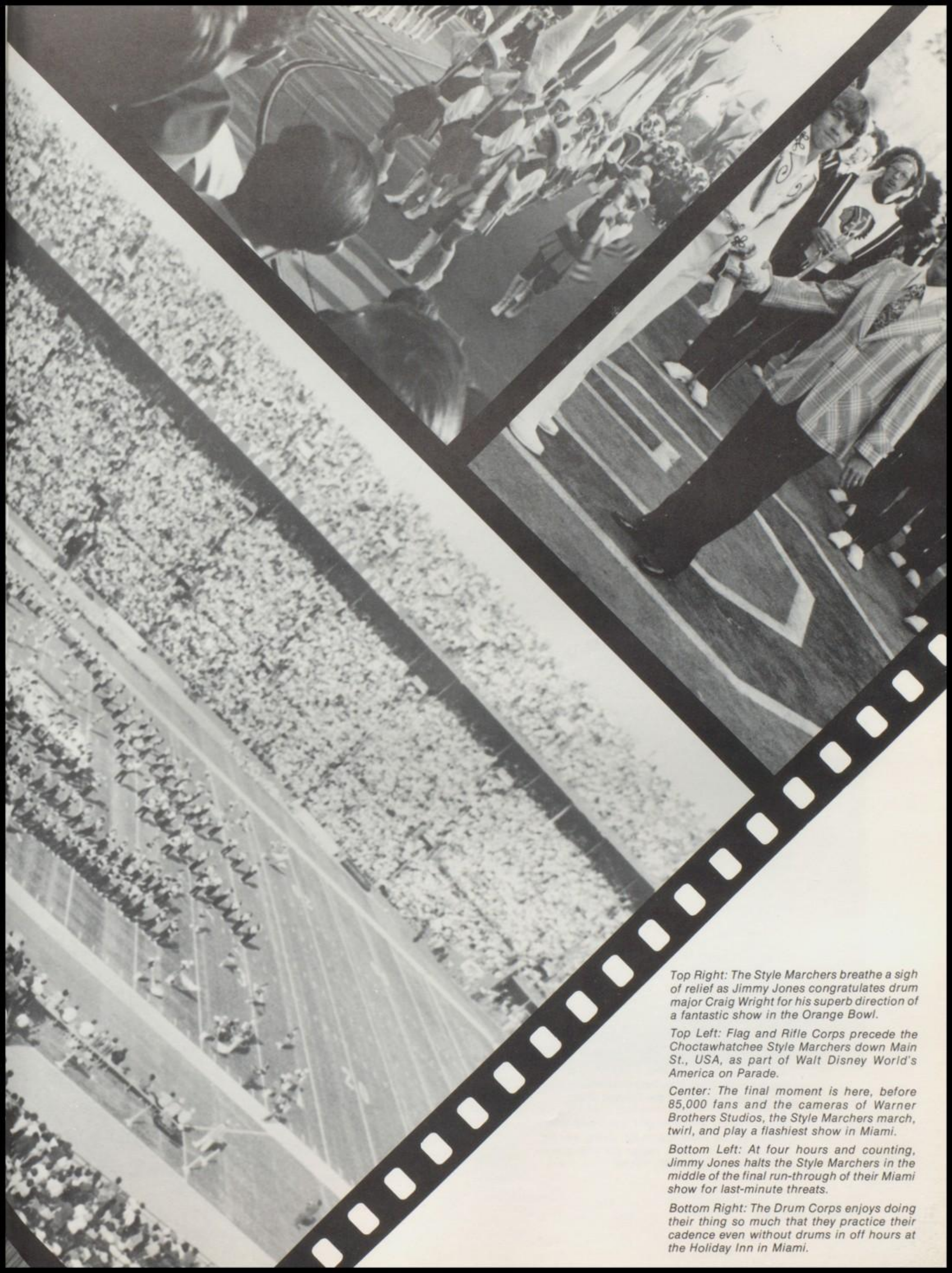
Band Looks Forward To Seeing Themselves In Warner Brothers Production—"Black Sunday"

Following a day at school and the tension of the Choctaw-Fort Walton football game, the Style Marchers were still going. The band members loaded up on Trailways buses and headed for Miami.

That Sunday, the Choctaw Style Marchers performed for the Miami-Baltimore football game. During the game and at half-time Warner Brothers Studios were filming their new movie, **Black Sunday,** in which the Style Marchers are to have a small part.

The Style Marchers performed in the Walt Disney World "America on Parade" playing "This Land Is Your Land", with another band.





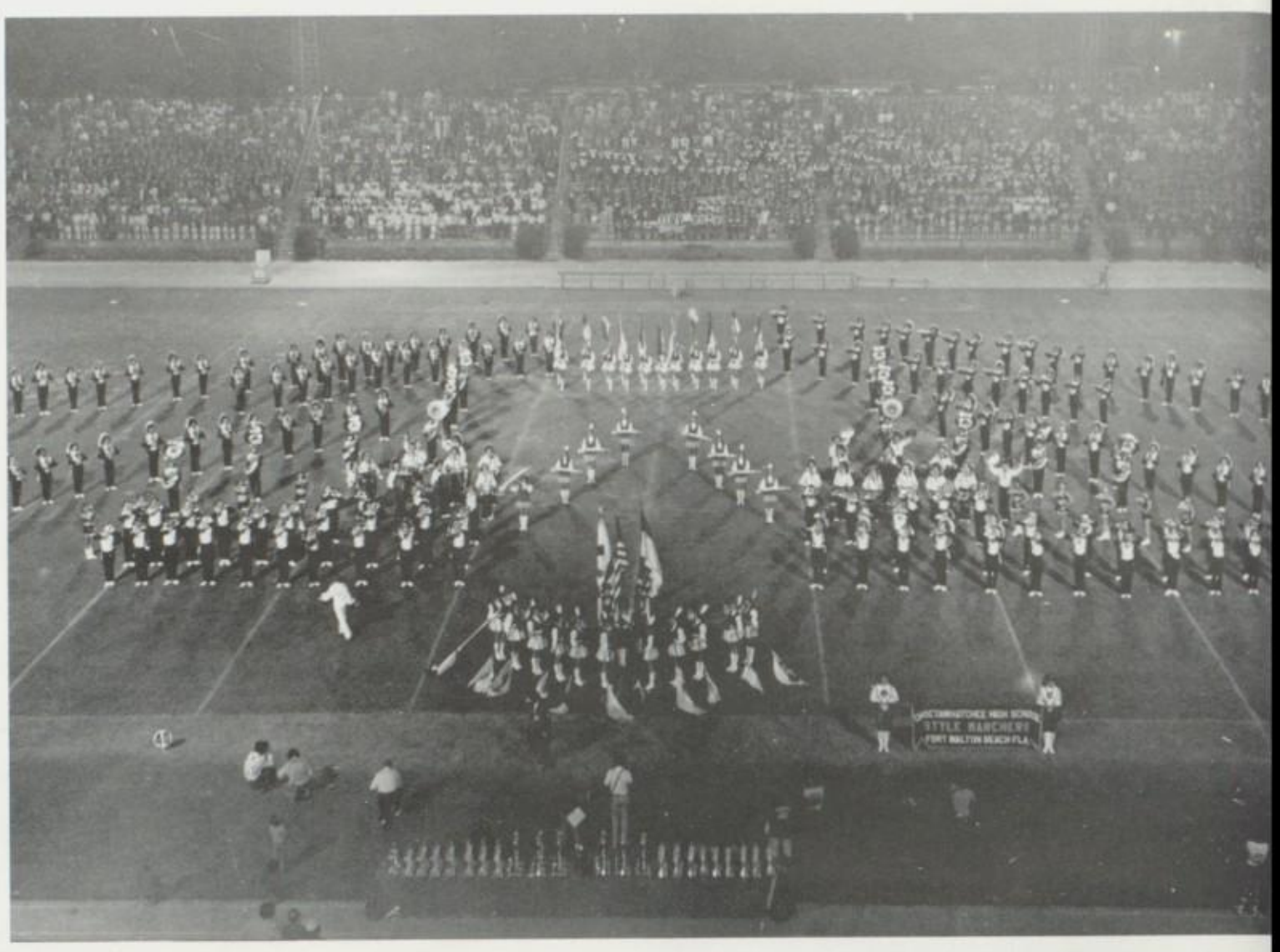
Top Right: The Style Marchers breathe a sigh of relief as Jimmy Jones congratulates drum major Craig Wright for his superb direction of a fantastic show in the Orange Bowl.

Top Left: Flag and Rifle Corps precede the Choctawhatchee Style Marchers down Main St., USA, as part of Walt Disney World's America on Parade.

Center: The final moment is here, before 85,000 fans and the cameras of Warner Brothers Studios, the Style Marchers march, twirl, and play a flashiest show in Miami.

Bottom Left: At four hours and counting, Jimmy Jones halts the Style Marchers in the middle of the final run-through of their Miami show for last-minute threats.

Bottom Right: The Drum Corps enjoys doing their thing so much that they practice their cadence even without drums in off hours at the Holiday Inn in Miami.



Top Right: The Choctaw Style Marchers took straight superior ratings at District Marching contest held in Niceville and hosted the Miracle Strip Marching Festival.

Center Left: "The Man" of the band, Jimmy Ray Jones, is shown with a big smile on his face after the Style Marchers outstanding performance in Miami at the Orange Bowl.

Bottom Right: Craig Wright is the new drum major for the Style Marchers. Craig was for two years, the drum major for the Meigs Wildcat Band under Mr. Varner.

Choctawhatchee Style Marchers Rehearse Hard; Receive Straight Superiors At Contest

The Choctawhatchee Style Marchers showed Northwest Florida they rated straight superiors in all marching contests. The Style Marchers worked hard all summer to come up with special steps, routines, and "horn flashes." All through the summer the band rehearsed in rain and heat; even when bad weather hit, practices were held in the gym.

This year brought quite a few changes to the band, for instance: a new drum major Craig Wright, larger extra units, and a couple of fancy dance steps. This year also repeated some of last year's activities as the band once more traveled to Miami, dazzled the fans there, and made a quick stop by Disney World.

Despite the rigors of marching band, there were approximately 260 students participating this year. All through football season, you could pick out the band students since they were the ones trying to do homework before class, cram for tests at lunch, and asleep during the tests. They all considered it worth it, though, when they heard the cheers and saw Jimmy Jones' great big smile.

Center Left: Pep rallies are just one of the many ways the Style Marchers display their spirit. One of their most popular tunes this year was "Get Down."

Bottom Left: Drum major Craig Wright leads the Style Marchers in one of the fans favorite tunes, "Bill Bailey." Another popular tune was "It Only Takes A Minute."

Bottom Right: Trumpet player Mike Gilmore and trombone player Courtney Land perform their solos for "The Peppermint Twist" before the student body at a pep rally.

Choctawhatchee Style Marchers Receive Special Touch From Flags, Rifles, Majorettes

Variety is the spice of life, or so the Choctawhatchee Style Marchers believed. The flags, rifles, and majorettes brought out the best in the band. Though the audience only saw them performing during football season, they actually practiced all summer getting ready. Starting in June, the flags rifles attended a three-day clinic held by Larry Cost, an instructor in drum and bugle corps. Following that came the endless days when the extra units practiced while everyone else was at the beach or enjoying some hobby.

Many mishaps occurred to the extra units once the season started. These ranged from the wrong colored uniforms to no bloomers to broken zippers. All in all, however, things came together when they received superiors at contests.

FRONT ROW: Tina Brockman, Kathy Sotile, Linda Carter, captain: Lesa Walker, Cindy Brooks. MIDDLE ROW: Sharon Carlson, Linda Masters, Veronica Cornutt, Cyndy Moore, Debbie Hinton, Jan Carpenter, Betsy Bauer, Klay Baker, Linda Budden, Berta Mains, Janet Riley. BACK ROW: Rita Hodges, Brenda White, Denise Drotleff, Connie Blackwell, Channa Gilmore, Cheryl Baxter, Sandy Doyle, Syndey Campbell, Kim Gillespie, and Jean Fernadez, made up the 1975-76 Choctawhatchee Style Marcher's flag corps.

FRONT ROW: Tammie Kelley, Debbie Middleton. BACK ROW: Becky Wildberger, Rose Madison, Susan Cantin, Laurie Szemere, Nancy Slider.

FRONT ROW: Christie Knotts, captain; Val Fendrick, co-captain. BACK ROW: Sandy Smith, Sherry Smith, Debbie Smith, Norma Harvedst, Joy Brown, Phyllis Northly.

Top Left: The look of determination is shown on the faces of the members of the flags corps during the presentation of the colors during a halftime performance.

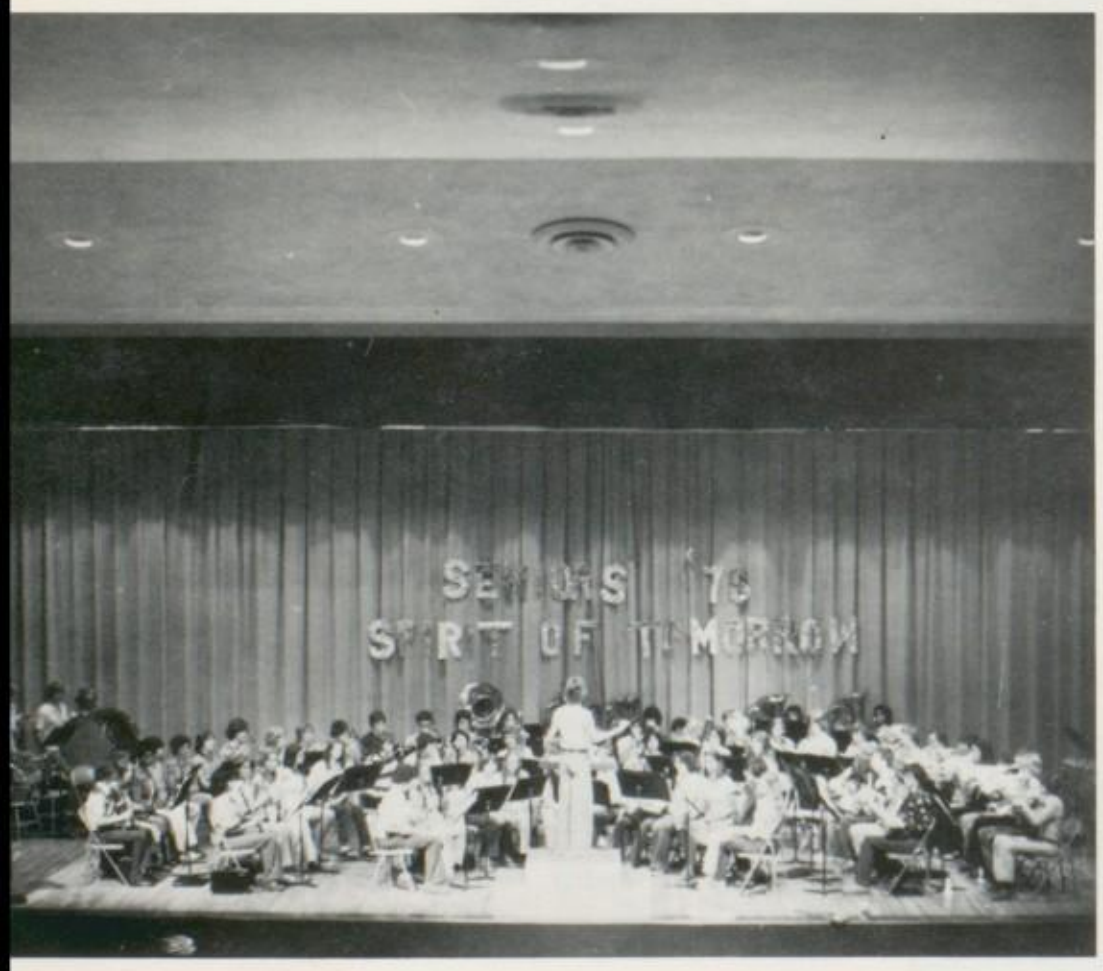
FRONT ROW: Carla Kendall, Gwen Giesen, Naomi Spears, Cherri Smith, Gwen Bazan, Sharon Szemere, Kim Handly, Pop Marler, Patti Whitehead, Faye Spears, Keane Weaver, Beth Armbrester.

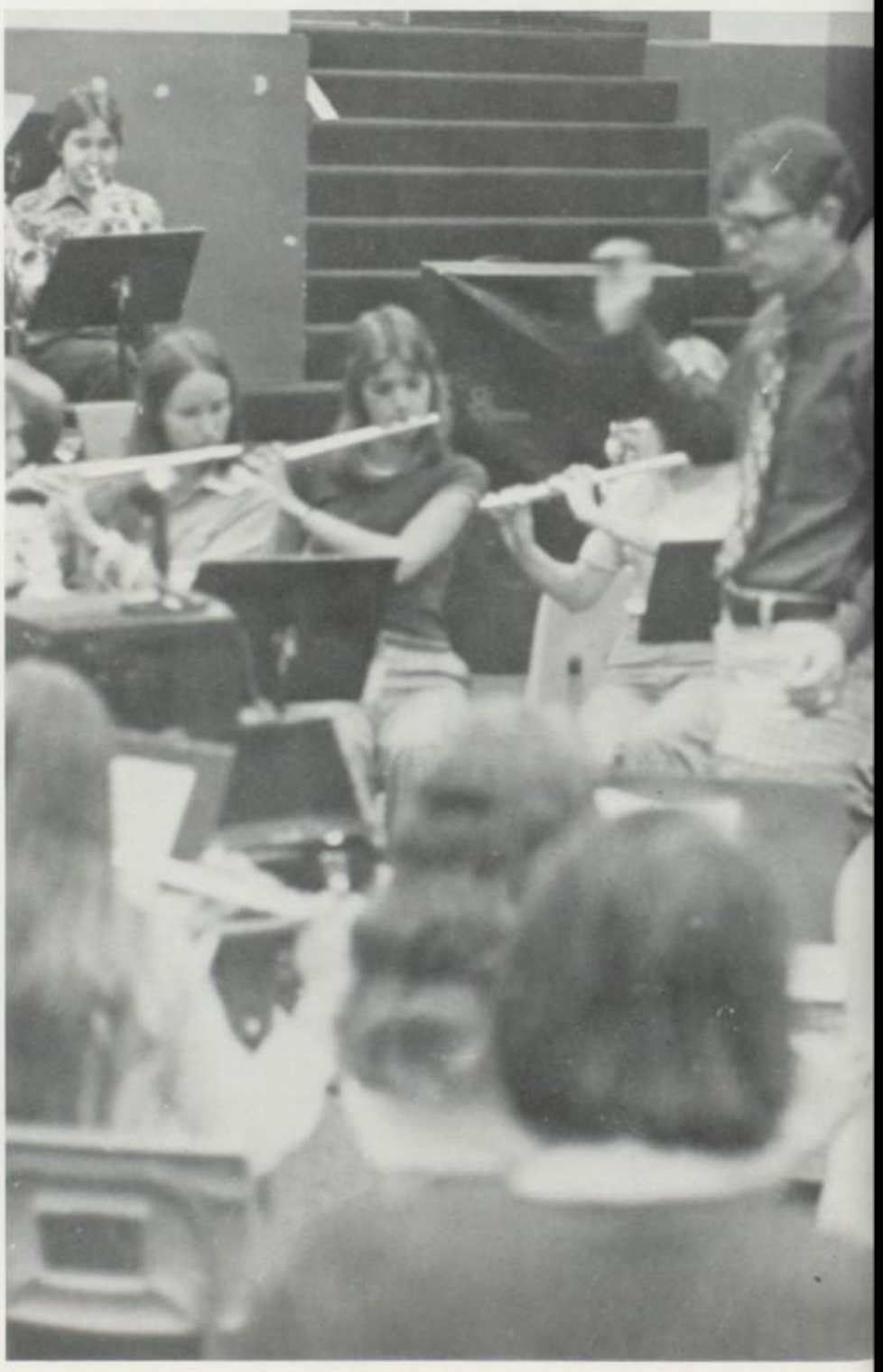
Bottom Right: A first this year was the initiation of the extra unit members. This included flags, rifles, and majorettes. The dress was left up to the captains.

Top Center: During the Christmas Concert, bandsmen Debbie Hinton, Cyndi Moore, and Tammy Kelly dress up as different characters, to add to the yuletime spirit.

Top Left: One of the many different categories in the State Contest is sightreading, Symphonic Band prepares for the judging in hopes of making superior ratings.

Bottom Left: Student conductor, Courtney Land, directs Symphonic Band during after school practice. Senior bandsmen will conduct in the Night of Student Conductors.



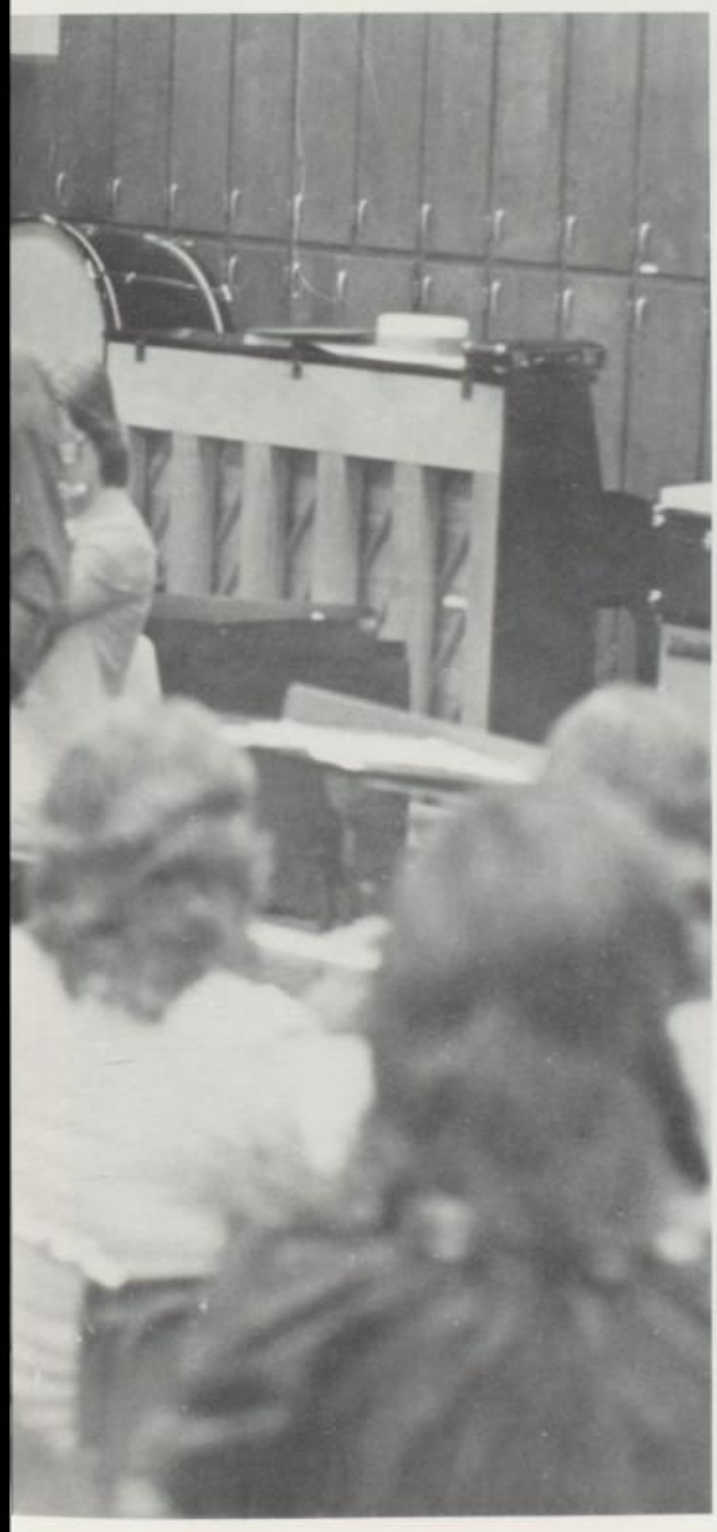


Symphonic, Concert Bands Receive Superior Ratings At State Level Competition

After the marching season, band activities did not come to a halt. The students tried out for Symphonic and Concert Band. These two groups put on many spring concerts and participated in different contests.

The Christmas Concert combined band and choral students. During the concert, flag, rifle, and majorette band students dressed up as Disney and Bicentennial characters. During the April concert, special guests "The Golden Oldies Band" played, as well as Concert and Symphonic Bands. The Golden Oldies were, band parents consisted of previous musical training. The May concert was a night of student conductors. These were senior bandsmen directing compositions of their own selection, with all preparation done by students.

Concert and Symphonic Bands participated at the North District and State Contest. At the North District Contest, Concert Band took overall superior ratings, while Symphonic Band took straight superior ratings. At State Contest, Choctawhatchee High School was the only school with two performing groups. Excellent ratings overall were awarded to Concert Band and Symphonic Band was awarded superior ratings overall.



Bottom Center: Assistant band director, Mr. Charles Sills directs Concert Band through another hour of practice. All this work is payoff in State Contest.

Top Left: Sophomore Danny Price and three senior band members, prepare for the all-state band. This year, the three day clinic is planned to be held in Orlando, Florida.

Center Right: "The Golden Oldies Band" is the highlight of the spring concert. Besides playing together as a band, they go in the student band and play "Big Green Indian".

Top Left: The Dixieland Band; a section of the Modern Jazz Ensemble keeps the audiences attention by playing between main performances. They specialize in the blues and jazz.

Center Left: Choctaw Modern Jazz Ensemble under the leadership of Mr. Jones, hold a concert to raise money to attend the 20th annual Southern Instrumental Conductors' Conference.

American High School Jazz Festival Provides Musicians With More National Recognition

Choctaw is honored to have two stage bands. The Choctawhatchee Modern Jazz Ensemble and Choctawhatchee Stage Band II studied and played jazz, blues, rock, and swing era music.

The Modern Jazz Ensemble participated in the 20th annual Southern Instrumental Conductors' Conference sponsored by the University of Southern Mississippi. The university made an album of their performance and sent it to them. The Jazz Ensemble also participated at the American High School Jazz Festival in Mobile, Alabama. Besides going to different festivals, the Jazz Ensemble performed at the Eglin Officers' Club and various community functions.

The Choctawhatchee Stage Band II has also been busy. They have been in many stage band concerts during the year and participated in the Student Council Hee Haw Show. Many of these students were looking forward to being in the Modern Jazz Ensemble Band next year.

Top Center: Senior Danny Johnson plays two saxophones during the Modern Jazz Ensemble and Choctawhatchee Stage Band concert. Danny is also a member of the Music Honor Society.

FRONT ROW: Tom Price, Mike Madaris, Don Shade. SECOND ROW: Pattie Hane, Howie Joines, Linda Smith, Bonita Clark, Laurie Wright. BACK ROW: Doug Baston, Courtney Land, Jarrett Powell, Duff Thompson, Danny Price, Everette Parish, Joel Morgan, Allan Chapman, Jeff Myers, Tom Kidder, Danny Johnson, Craig Bennett, Scott Buers, Jimmy Williams, Mike Gilmore, Kyle Faust.

Scott Riley, Ken Wicker, Mark Phillips, Randy Riley, Billy Lee, Scott Waters, Mike Johnson, Craig Wright, Troy Wheelehan, Cary McNamara, David Kampworth, Alonzo Boston, Chuck Loving, George Gill, Guy McDowell, Bob Cain, Mark Todd, Steve Hodges, Jim Loyd, Dale McGuire, Laurie Jarrett, Glen Phillips, William Pake, Duran McNeal, Roland Seeley, Sheri Brooks.

Bottom Right: Otherwise dignified trombone players kick off their shoes and switch to foot-high chairs for a popular segment in the Modern Jazz Ensemble concert.

Middle Left: In addition to extra practice hours, director Mary Ruth Jones does even **more** *extra work in preparing the music for shows.*

Top Right: Hoping that the final performance will definitely be better than their "off-key" practices, the Madrigals stick to it.

Bottom Right: Preparing for another performance is a constant occupation for the Madrigals, as yet another singing session takes place.

CHS Singers' Popularity Partially Gained By Variety, Ease, Perfection In Performances

From singing at local benefits to performing in quite a few vocal contests, the Choctawhatchee Contemporary Singers — better known to CHS fans as the Madrigals — have proven their versatility throughout the year. The many long hours of practice after school, at nights, and on weekends resulted in bringing forth many outstanding shows.

With a membership of 23, this group was more involved this year than during any other year of performance. Under the direction of Mary Ruth Jones, the Madrigals put together their shows, starting from scratch, including lyrics, music, and choreography.

Their performances were given at quite a few different places and for many different people. Shows ranged from 50's music to the pop sounds of today — from classical compositions to jazz and blues. The many locations at which they sang included school concerts, the opening of Santa Rosa Mall, and state contest in Tallahassee.

Although the shows ran smoothly in the end, there were plenty of mix-ups along the way. Among the misplaced music, hidden hats, and lost shoes, all of the Madrigals felt that the year went off well and was a success for singers and director alike.

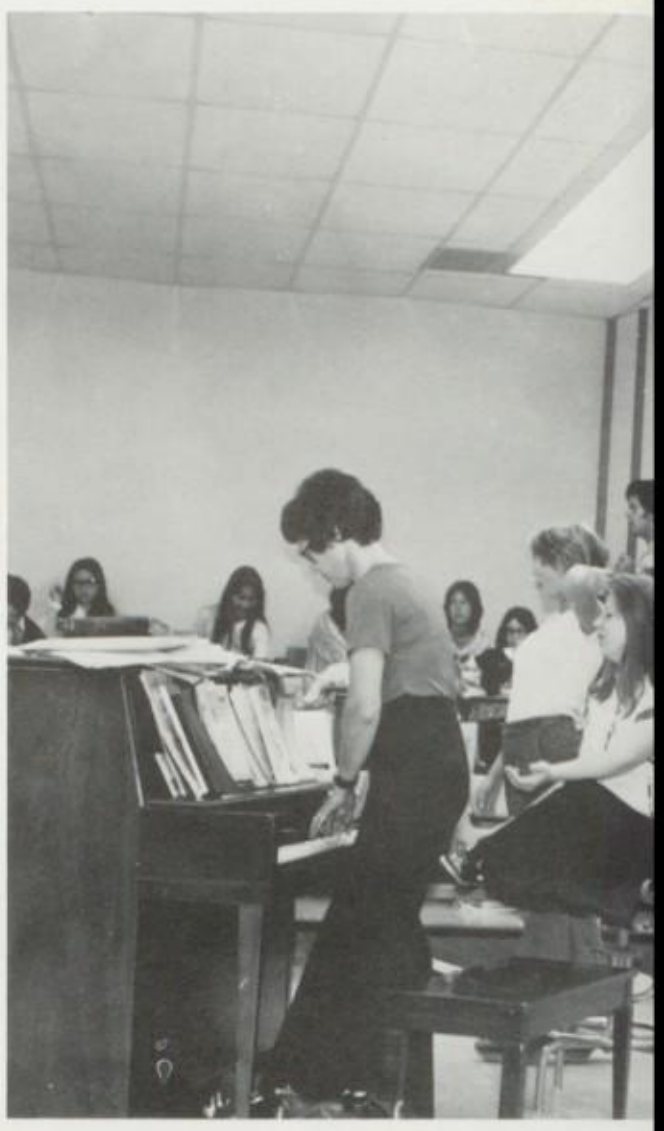
LYING DOWN: Larry Barker. FRONT ROW: Randy Koran, David Everly, Gary Phillips, Everette Parrish, Scott Stegall. MIDDLE ROW: Steve Hall, Sue Mills, Micki Giroux, Theresa Garrett, Dru Coleman, Jim Williams, Barbara Grifen, Allison Mathis, Bill Loy, Luke Gontarek. BACK ROW: John Cherniga, Courtney Land, Gail Grimes, Terri Walters, Jennie Bennett, Bobbie Dougan, Laurie Wright. Not Pictured in the group is Cheryl Wilson.

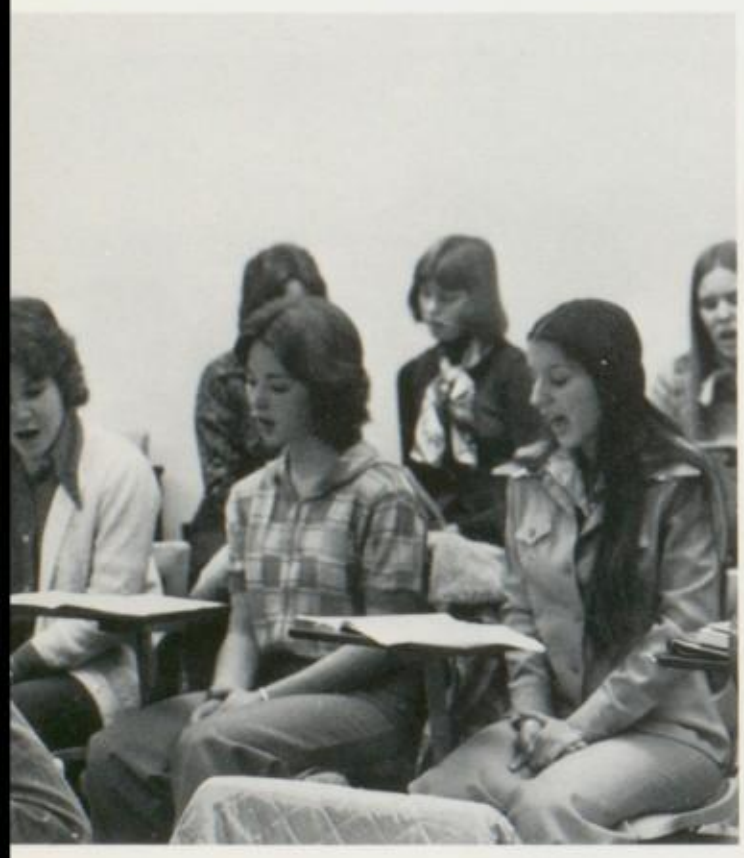
Bottom Left: The Madrigals let the student body know, through their music, the devotion and deep rooted support they feel towards Choctaw.

Top Right: Cheryl Wilson, Terri Walters, Theresa Garrett, and Gail Grimes find out that performance is not only hard work, but also satisfaction.

Bottom Right: Firmly believing in the old addage that "practice makes perfect," the Madrigals spend countless hours polishing performances.

FRONT ROW: Ron Dockery, Robin Prince, Penny Pinkerton, Gay Prince, Dandy Doyle, Sherrie Nelson, Clark Norton, Grant Hallman. SECOND ROW: Joan Saez, Julie Russell, Leah Frangos, Phillis Northy, Cathy Pritchard, Patty Goodwin, Annette Goodkin, Lesa Walker, Craig Raulinson. BACK ROW: Gina Millan, Sherry Smith, Sally Holler, Kristie Knotts, Mary Thoreen, Cathy Crews, Cindy Wingo, Beth McDonald, Rick Nelson, Steve Glasgow, Tom Cox, Keith Hines. NOT PICTURED: Lynn Hickenbotham, Carla Shelenberger, Kathy Sundy, Dennis Burklow, Randy Koran, Joe Mann, Greg Prince, Jeff Prince, and Lawrence Peterson.





Bottom Left: Studying the music is the biggest part of learning a song. A lot of time is devoted to just that purpose by Choctawhatchee's performers.

Top Right: The accompaniment is just as important as the vocal quality of a song, which is why director, Mary Ruth Jones does her "homework" on the music.

Bottom Right: Watching the director at all times plays a vital part in the perfection of any concert given by any large group of singers or musicians.

Soloists, Group Attend Florida State Festival; Receive 12 Superior Ratings For Performance

If you attended Choctaw's Christmas Concert and were pleased with what you heard, then the long hours of night practice were worth it. Preparation for this concert began in mid-September and was constant until the last performance was given.

Soon after, the choruses readied themselves for District Contest. On February 14, the District Solo and Ensemble Contest was held at Fort Walton Beach High School, with 75 entries approved for State Contest. On March 5, District Choral Contest was held at Choctaw, and three choruses were recommended to go to State Contest.

April 28 and 29 brought the State Choral Festival on the FSU campus in Tallahassee. When it was over, three groups walked away with top honors, superior ratings; the men's, ladies and mixed choruses. Bill Loy, Terri Walters, Cathy Pritchard, Gina Millan, Micki Giroux, and Everette Parrish also won top honors for Choctaw during the event.

Center Left: Men's Concert Chorus presents arrangements of "Roving" and "Be Joyful," among others, at the annual Spring Concert given Monday, May 17, 1976.

Bottom Left: State Contest presents a challenge to Choctaw's Ladies Chorus as they perform "Adoramus Te Christe" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" for the judges.

Preparation For Christmas, Spring Concerts Begins Early In Year For Choral Groups

Jennie Bennett received superior ratings. When it came to Ensembles, both of the Madrigals' Green and White groups pulled away with a rating of "one" or superior.

With the largest and hardest of the year's performances over it was a breeze to put together the Spring Concert, given on May 17 in the CHS auditorium.

This year was the first for a Choral Banquet, held on May 11 at the Ramada Inn. The dinner, followed by speakers, was a huge success, and Mary Jones, the director, hoped that there would be many more banquets in the years to come.

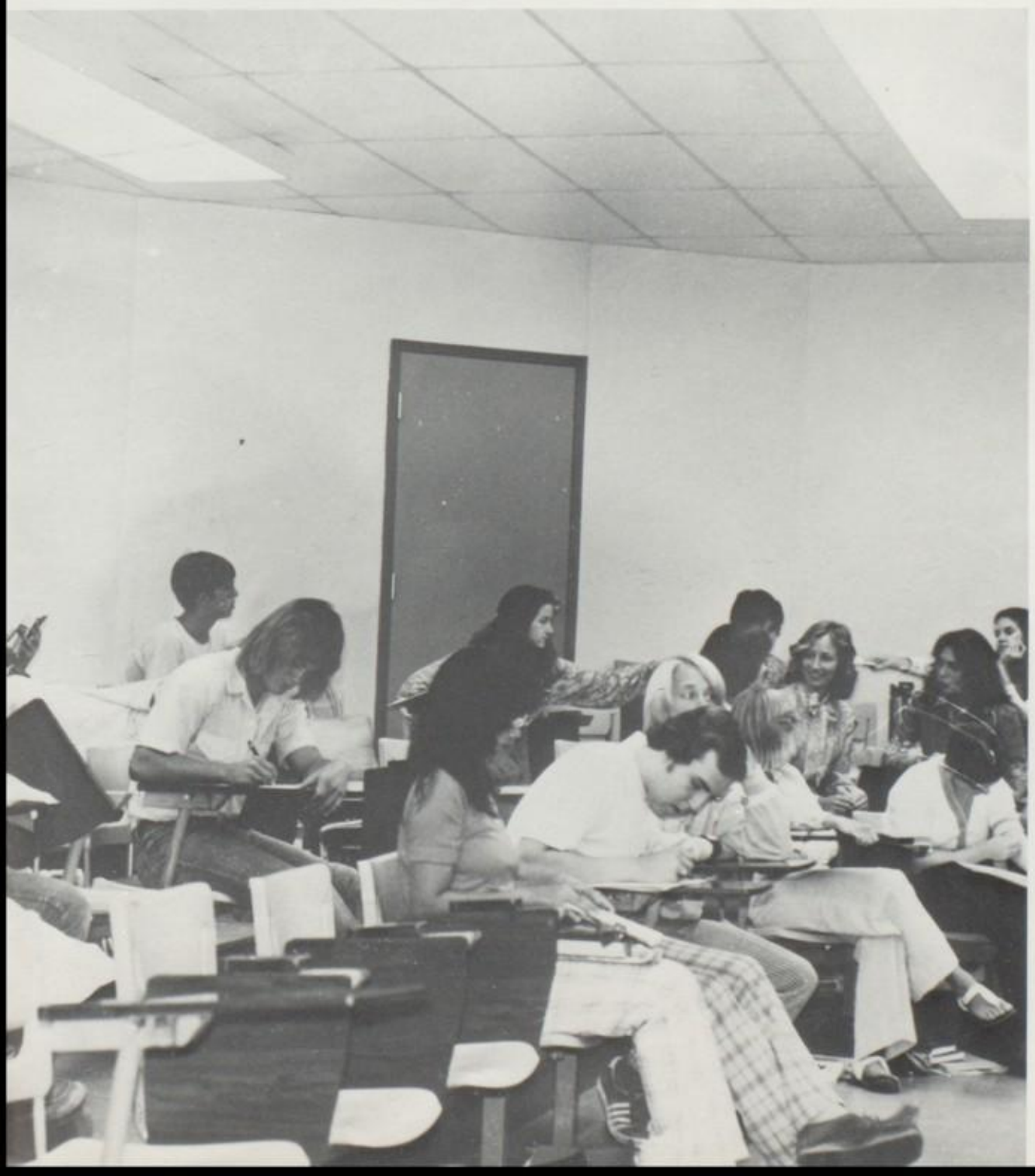
When the year ended, everyone agreed that the hard work and late night practices were worth it!

Middle Left: "Sometimes all that practice just gets to a person" seems to be what director Mary Jones is saying during a particularly exasperating moment.

Top Right: Julie Russell seems to be saying that the notes are the hardest, as she concentrates on learning one of many different parts required by a chorus member.

Bottom: Stage fright happens to the best of us, and at times, butterflies and anticipation take over when you're waiting to perform in front of a crowd.

FRONT ROW: Valerie Russell, Carrie Tomlinson, Lori Shomberg, Mitzi Swords, Lori Pritchard, Sandra Morris, Debbie Abney, Laurie Holden, Beba Maestrales. SECOND ROW: Glenna Early, Jennifer Gilbert, Sydney Campbell, Cara Fernandez, Paula Ziglar, Yvonne Busse, Cindy Holbrook, Karon Hinesly, Kathy Clark, Kay Cross, Ann Tashik, Karen Nelson. THIRD ROW: Toni McCarty, Nancy Adams, Mary Spain Pope, Sharon Burdick, Steve Moody, James Frasher, Mike Given, James Little, James Given, Willie Florence, Kevin McGhee, Suzanne Todd, Kathy Gollehon. BACK ROW: Dana Whitney, Kathy White, Scott Montgomery, Craig Rawlinson, Ray Hughes, Jim Grazier, Karen McClanahan, Jan Carpenter, Landra Hewit, Marilyn Dixon, Wanda Gooch.



Top Left: There's a lot of singing in chorus, that's true, In addition to that, though, written tests are also included in the curriculum of the course.

Bottom Left: Besides singing and a few tests the class also includes numerous lectures on the fundamentals of reading music, complete with note-taking, as you can see.

Bottom Right: Deciding on outfits to wear for a concert is often very slow work. Craig Rawlinson, Beba Maestrales, Penny Pinkerton, Jim Frazier don't seem to be full of ideas.

Hustle, drive, spirit, determination, sweat . . . sports; but there was so much more. Aching muscles after practice; the moment of truth as coach posted starting line-up; pulled ligaments at the finish line; encouragement from a faithful cheering squad; the screams as our player broke through on a seventy-five yard run, all exemplified what we call sports. Regardless of the season, regardless of size; the desire to compete, that will to be first, stimulated participation in sports.

SPORTS

Top Right: At the First Annual Choctawhatchee Invitational Mike Clay places an outstanding first. Mike has placed highly in state meets in the past two years.

Center Left: Number five man on the team, Mike Soave finished with a time of 15:51 at the Largo Invitational pushing the team to a third place victory.

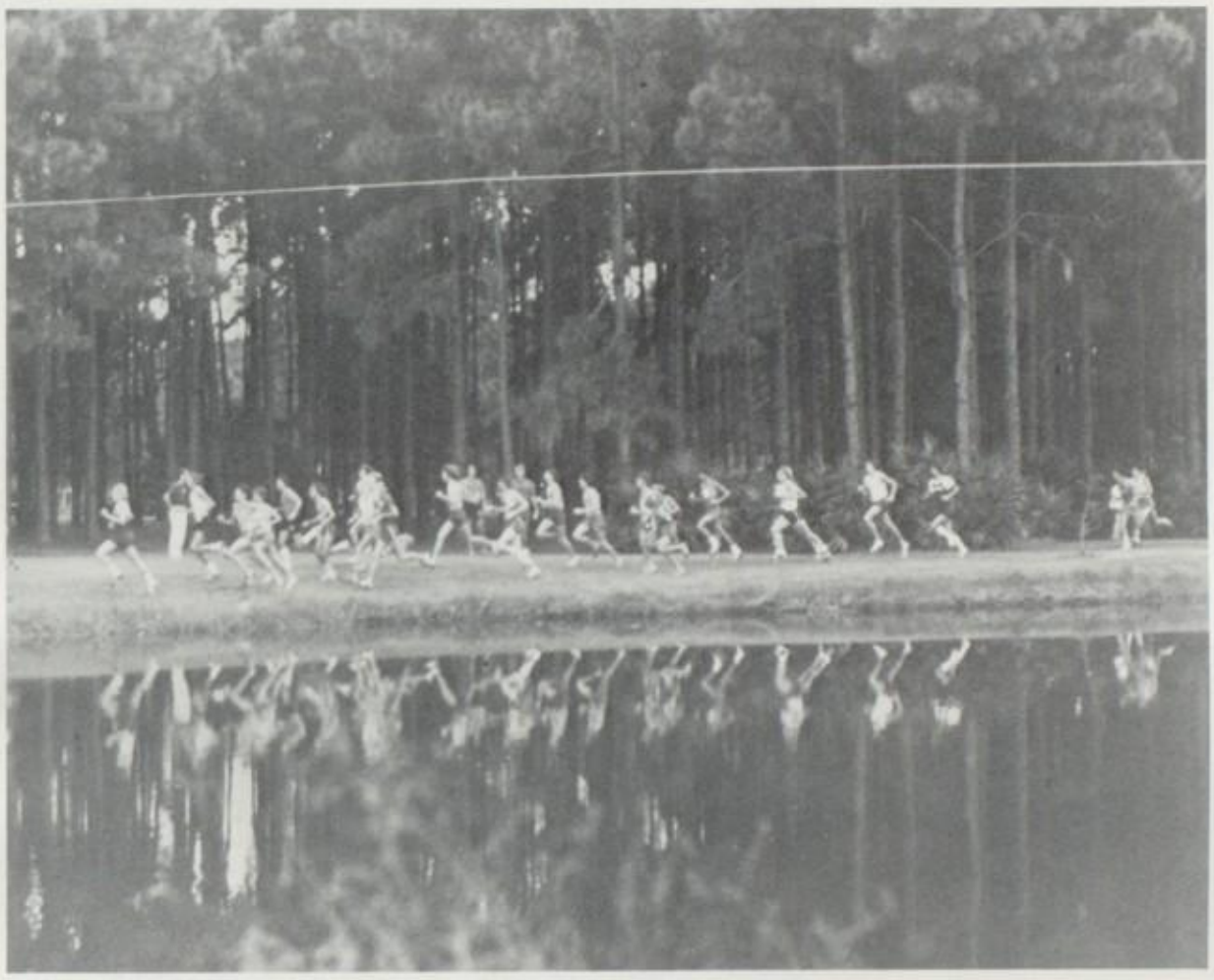
Members of the Choctawhatchee Cross Country team. FRONT ROW: Ellie Buchebner, manager; Steve Haug, Mike Clay, Nancy McCormac, Mike Curtis, Greg Boyd, Mary Thoreen, manager. MIDDLE ROW: John McCormac, Jim Parish, Dan Riley, Derek Hanks, Tom Kidder. BACK ROW: Lance Powell, Lynn Hinton, Tom Gray.

CROSS COUNTRY

Big Green Running Machine Places Second At State Competition In Only Its 2nd Year

Getting up at five a.m. to run is not the most exciting prospect, but they do it. Maybe it's because they're crazy about the sport, about the team, or about the school. Or maybe they're just plain crazy. Whatever it is that inspires them, it pushed our Cross-Country team to second place in the state in what was only their second year.

With the strong leadership of top runners Mike Clay, Steve Haug, and Mike Curtis backed up by the Choctaw "pack" the team placed high in central Florida meets throughout the season and was virtually unbeatable in area races. Because of a lack of real competition in Northwest Florida, the Big Green Running Machine was forced to do a great deal of traveling. South Florida provided more competition.



Center Left: A pack of runners along the lake at the Largo Invitational gives a person a vague idea of how rough cross-country running can be.

Bottom Left: For the 2nd year in a row Coach Westbrook has guided Choctawhatchee's Cross-Country team into one of the Top 4 Teams in the entire state.

Choctawhatchee Holds First Annual Invitational At Eglin, Receives Top Ten Trophies

This year the Choctawhatchee Cross-Country team held its first Annual Invitational. This year's Invitational proved to be a success for Choctaw at least, as they dominated the top ten trophies. Out of the top ten trophies Choctaw claimed 6 of them. Among these 6 were trophies for the first sophomore, junior and senior runners.

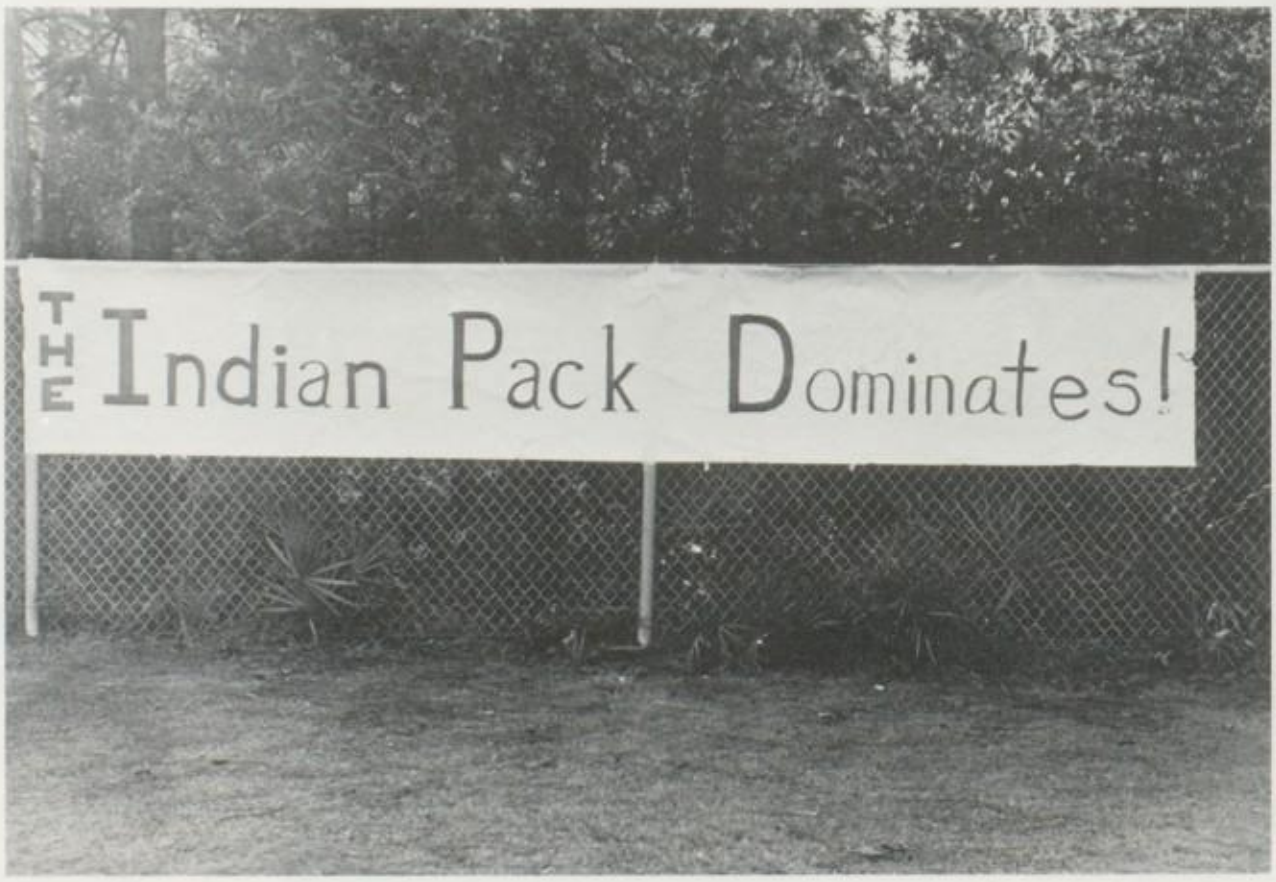
Senior Nancy McCormac became the first girl runner on the team. She was a part of the team and yet on her own, she won several meets, wide recognition, and student enthusiasm.

Overall, it was a successful year for the team. Next year, while losing senior runners, Choctaw hopes to pick up some talented junior high hoofers and hopefully add more girls.

Center Right: Team manager Ellie Buchebner is a vital part of the cross-country team. She travels with the team recording times and other important information.

Center Left: Greg Boyd accepts one of the top ten finisher trophies from Mr. Oeltmann at the 1st Choctawhatchee Cross-Country Invitational where he placed 9th.

Bottom Right: The Indian Pack Dominates! They proved this true by coming in 2nd place in the state. This was two places above last year, when they placed 4th.



Top Left: Number 14, Nancy McCormac took a step for Women's Lib as she placed outstandingly in the state meets. Nancy is the only girl on the team this year.

Center Right: Members of the Cross-Country team take a breather and cool off during the FSU Invitational. The Cross-Country team placed 2nd in the FSU meet.

Bottom Left: Junior Steve Haug shows the spirit of the Big Green Running Machine by coming in 8th at the Largo Invitational. This pushed the team to 3rd place.

J.V. FOOTBALL

1975 J.V. FOOTBALL RECORD

(Won 5; Lost 3)

Choctaw		OPPONENT
32	Bay HS	6
7	Niceville HS	0
12	Ft. Walton HS	23
7	Rutherford	15
6	Milton HS	7
32	Mosley	0
48	Niceville HS	0
14	Ft. Walton HS	6

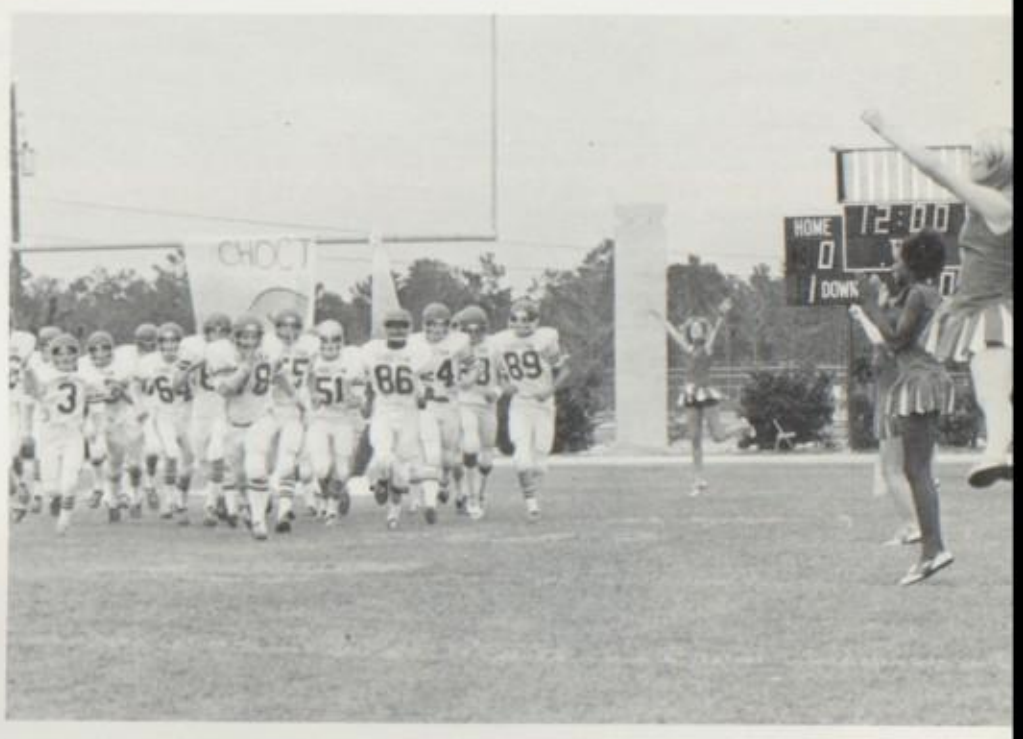
FRONT ROW: Scott O'Malley, Roger Budd, David Doss, Frank Barrow, Keith Cline, Scott Heintzelman, Robert Woods, Tim Harmon, mgr.; Woody Barnes, Mike Edge, Gary Crawley, Darren Peterson. SECOND ROW: Bo Foster, Mark Stone, Danny Blain, Chuck Chunn, Steve Reid, Joe Somers, Keith Dawkins, Don Kessler, mgr.; Robert Nouss, Mike Patterson. TOP ROW: Bob Lemons, David Clay, Glenn Maxey, Billy Welborne, David Southerland, Randy Stone, Craig Harris, Kenny Fridley, Mike Blanchard, Lavon Page, Richard Lee, Ricky Atkinson, Frank Cox.

Team Survives Close Season, Takes 5 Games; Small, Devoted Crowd Supports Throughout

A junior varsity team never gets as much recognition as a varsity team. This was true for Choctaw's J.V. during the '75 season. The team did, however, have some avid fans following and supporting them throughout the entire season. The cheerleaders were also devoted.

Not only did the team know "the thrill of victory," they also knew "the agony of defeat." After notching two big wins on the totem pole, they suffered a loss to cross-town rival Fort Walton High.

The Indians and Vikings battled it out. The Vikings proved victorious in the end with a final score of Choctaw 12, Ft. Walton 23. This loss to Fort Walton early in the season seemed to have an effect on the team. They put out more effort as the year progressed.

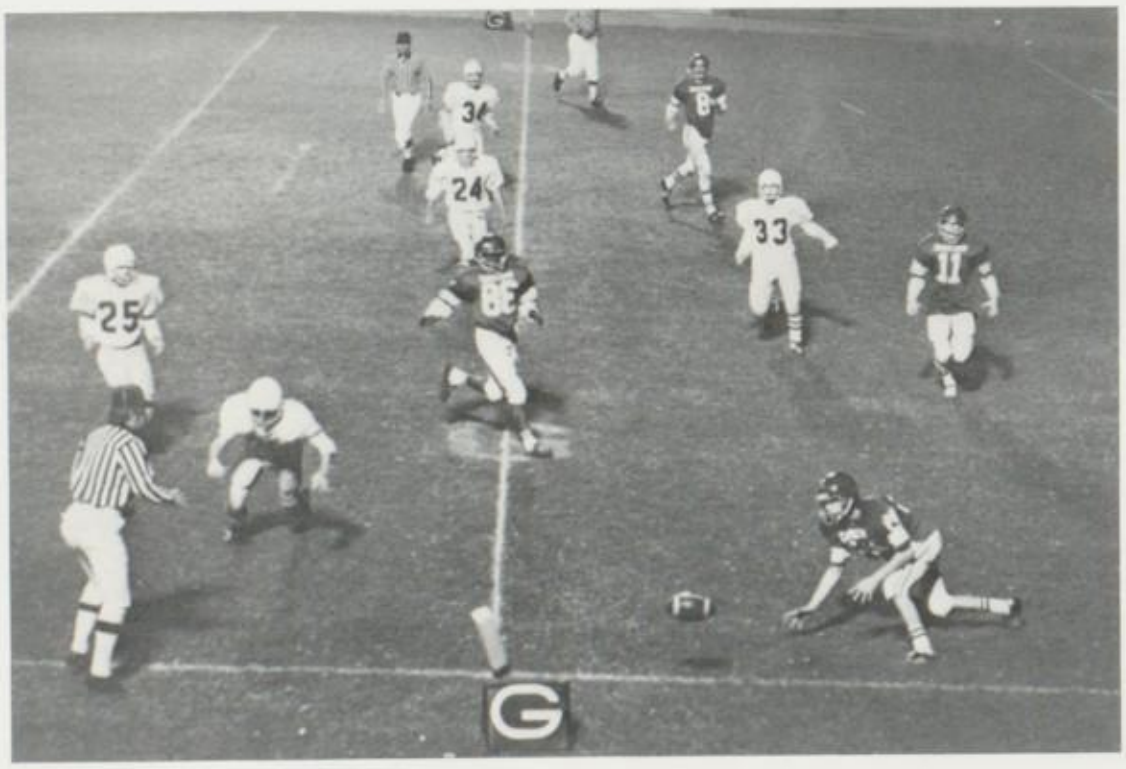


Top Left: J.V. players prove their worth in many ways on the gridiron. An offensive lineman pushes one of the Bay Tornadoes down the field to clear the way for the TD.

Bottom Left: Frank Cox (40) shows his versatility by kicking an extra point for the team. It's players like Frank who add more to the team by doing double duty.

Center Right: The Choctaw J.V. cheerleaders shine with spirit as their team runs onto the field. After sacrificing summer hours and nights, the boys exhibit very high hopes.

Top Right: Bob Lemons demostrates the power of determination that is so important in football. In their last confrontation with the Vikes, the whole team shows that willpower.



Top Left: Choctaw's Charles Turner (86) cuts back through a rough Fort Walton line. The Vikes' defensive line takes their revenge on the Indians for all the green paint.

Center Left: Players practice daily, learning how to jump on that loose ball and spot that possible interception. An Indian gropes for the interception on an overthrown ball.

Bottom Right: Corrections and new plays are sent in from the sidelines by Coach Marshall. Scott O'Malley, offensive back, relates instructions that help add points.

Soon To Be Big Green Indians. These Players Have Pride In Themselves And Their School

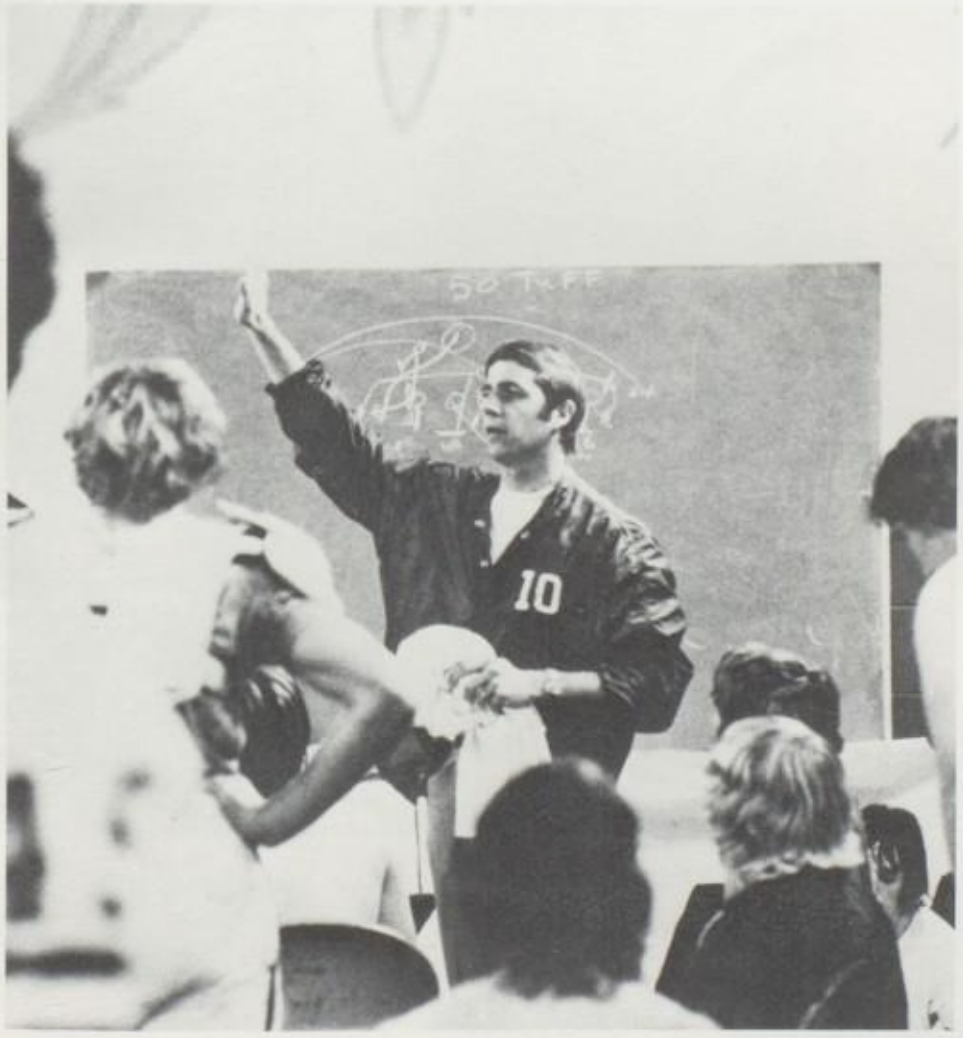
Choctaw continued to drive hard, playing good football. They lost their next two games, however, to Rutherford and to Milton in overtime. This made three consecutive losses for the team.

The Indians went on the warpath for their remaining games. They scalped Mosley and tore the feathers out of the Niceville Eagles.

Choctaw's final game of the season was against Ft. Walton. In the background the Style Marchers could be heard practicing their fantastic halftime show. This added to the enjoyment of the fans, but to their dismay it began raining. The rain continued throughout the game, yet many loyal fans remained.

The excitement was extraordinary when the Indians defeated the Vikes, making their record five and three.

Head Coach Jim Mueller guided the jr. varsity team with the help of Coaches McLaughlin and Marshall. Coach Mueller is very proud of the effort and enthusiasm felt throughout this year's season.



Bottom Right: Sophomores Cox and O'Malley, find high school football exhausting. Time on the bench allows the coaches and players time to plan and regroup ideas.

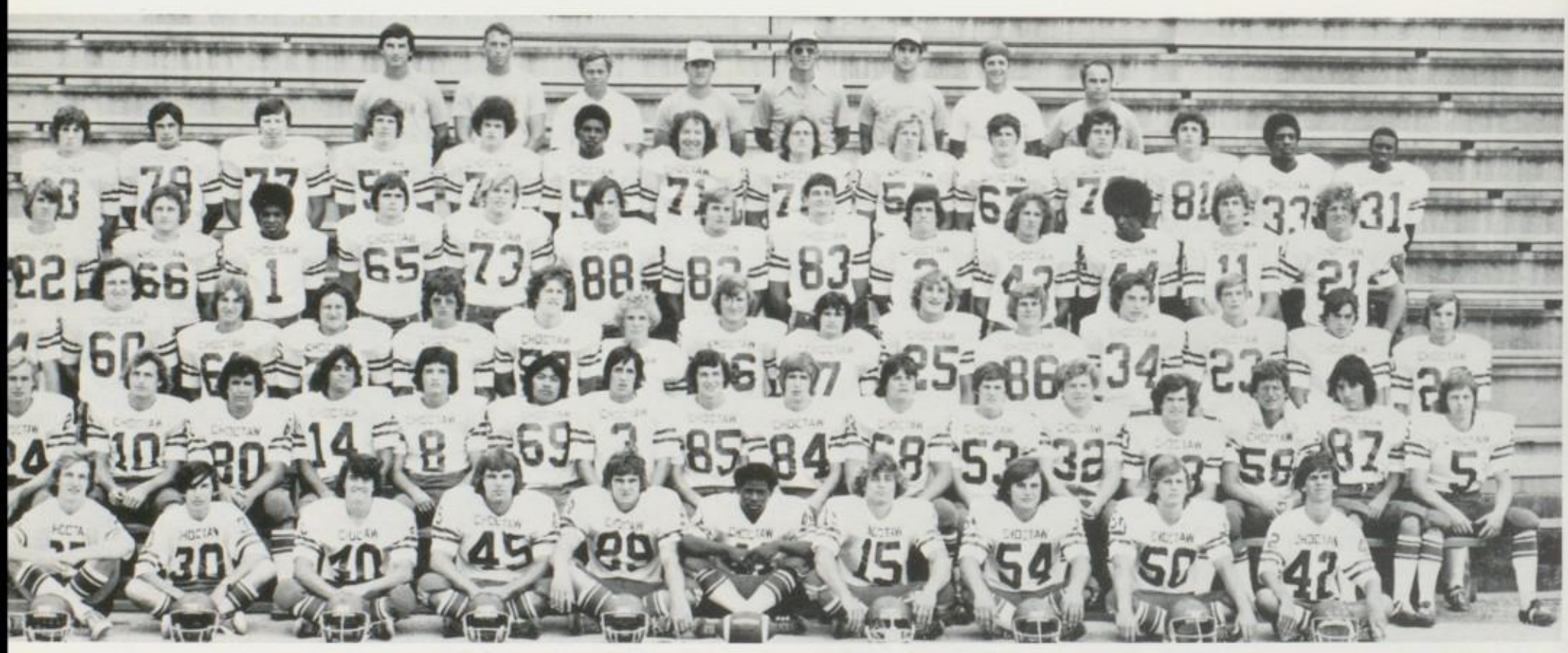
Bottom Left: Game strategies and plans are formulated in the locker room. Under the direction of Coach Mueller the team learns discipline and sportsmanship.

FOOTBALL

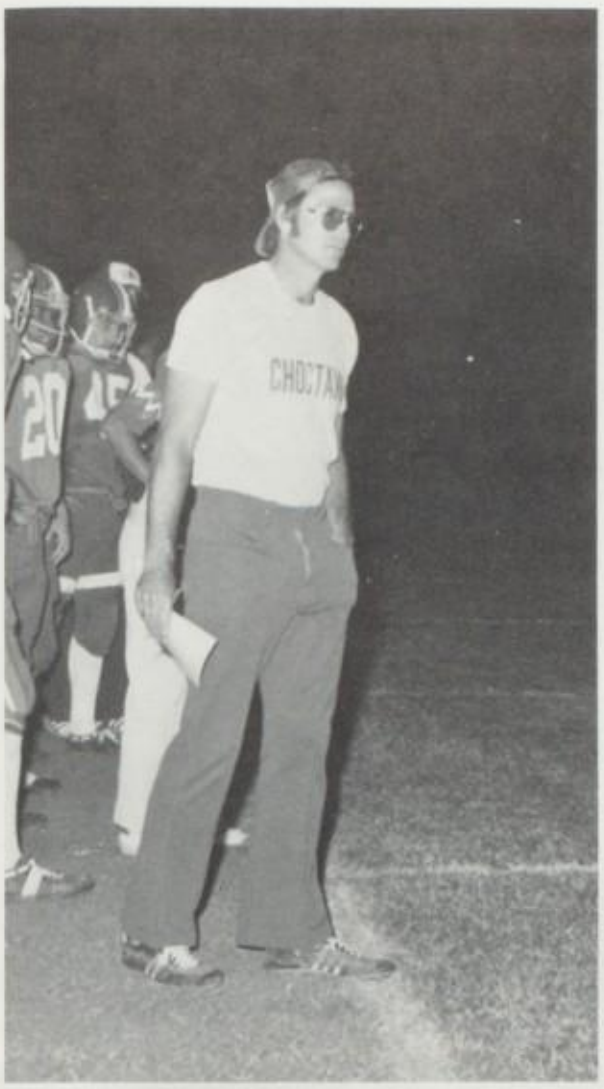
1975 Varsity FOOTBALL RECORD

(Won 7; Lost 3)

Choctaw		OPPONENT
1	Pensacola HS	0
7	Godby	26
37	Niceville HS	0
20	Escambia HS	0
13	Bay HS	6
42	Rutherford	0
10	Woodham	8
21	Mosley	7
23	Leon HS	42
0	Ft. Walton HS	7



FRONT ROW: Mgrs. David Simpson, John Fell, David Fell, Charles Rigdon, Tom Jordan, James Berry, Ron Higgins, George Bosnake, Chris Koral, and Mg. Mark Riggenbach. SECOND ROW: John Long, Joe Alonzo, Johnny Lopez, Tom Glorioso, Dale Waldorf, Jerry Carr, Kevin Rea, Randy Sansom, Ken Fridley, Keith Cline, Tom Cox, Kenny Andrews, John Tandler, Robert Fletcher, Micky Rudd, Bill MacLean. THIRD ROW: Jim Gooch, Frank Barrow, Mark Crawley, Ricky Madden, Mike Llewellyn, David Mercer, Jeff Bannon, Ray Glendenning, Wayne Walker, Don Teague, Bruce Ceminecki, Jeff Spencer, Greg Garner, Jody Henderson, and Tim Shiring. FOURTH ROW: Mark DeForest, Keith Fahey, Carlton Yates, Allen Scott, Miles Valentine, Brian Lewis, David Miller, Gary Applegate, John Clark, Bruce Beville, Eugene Robinson, Don Alonzo, and Robert Breedon. FIFTH ROW: Broan O'Malley, Jerry Embler, Tom Brown, John Madden, Neal Harrison, Willis Yates, Joe O'Rourke, Danny Bell, Fredd McLaughlin, Garry Fowler, David Jeffcoat, Yancy Chambers, Jeron Lane, and Ronnie Wilson. BACK ROW: Coaches Fayard, McCall, Crawford, Greene, Thomas, Rice, Mueller, and Feely, make-up the new coaching staff of CHS.

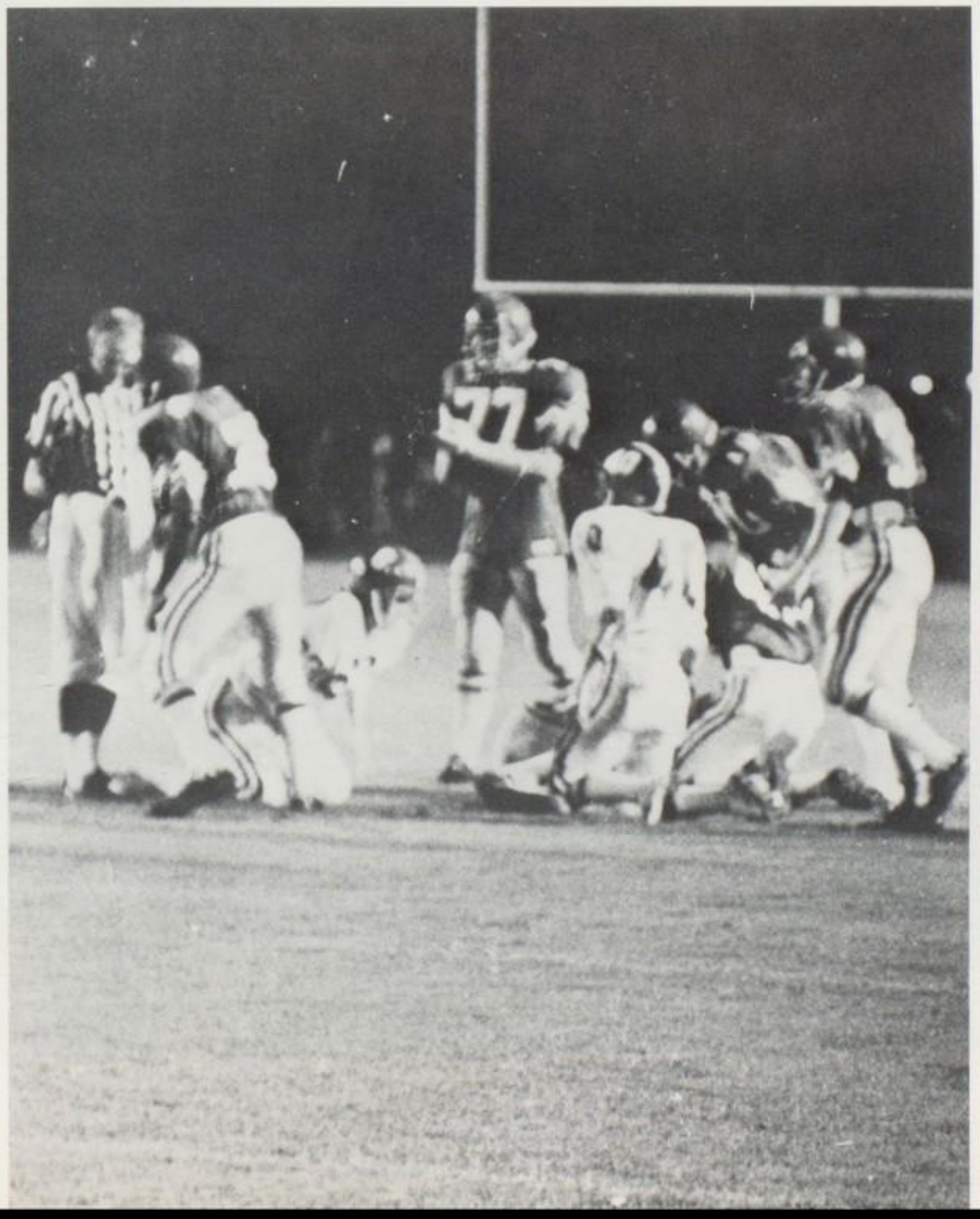


Tribe, Tigers Deadlock As Penalty Yardage Outnumbers Total Big Green Rushing Gains

Choctawhatchee, as the tradition has been these past years, won the season opening football game. This game was also the first for the Indians' new head Coach Eddie Feely. Choctaw beat PHS by a score of 1-0. (No, this is not a baseball score.) The reason for this score was Choctaw and Pensacola High were deadlocked 0-0 at the end of the fourth quarter. Under the new rules made up by the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) there will be no ties this year in prep football. To break the ties, each team gets to run 4 offensive plays with the initial play beginning on the 50 yard line. After both teams have run their plays, the team with the most amount of yardage is declared the winner by one point.

Yellow flags, and penalties with them, ruled to be the cause for the 0-0 deadlock. The referees called the technicalities very closely allowing for a total of 132 yards in penalities during the game. Every time Choctaw received some yardage, they were pulled back by flags.

The Indians managed to get 123 yards rushing and 18 passing while the CHS defense limited the Tigers to 70 yards on the ground and 8 in the air. The game, a struggle between the defensive squads, ended with a score of 1-0.



Top Left: Coach Thomas looks on from the sideline as the game went into overtime. This was the first sudden death game in the history of Choctaw, which the Indians won.

Bottom Left: The Indians take a time out to break the momentum that Pensacola appears to be gathering toward a touchdown. Neither of the two teams made any score in the game.

Center Right: Hopes for an undefeated season are lessened for this solitary fan walking away from a hotly contested game. The Indian's first confrontation was educational.

Tribe Loses To Godby, Gains Back Respect By Win Over Long Time Cross-County Rival

Tallahasee Godby rolled by the Indians in a District 2 AAAA contest at Memorial Stadium. This was Choctaw's second game of the season leaving them with a 1-1 record.

Tribe defensive players held back the Cougars throughout the 1st period of play. There was no score from either team until the second period was underway. The Indians set up their only touchdown of the game in the third period when Eugene Robinson caught a pass in the endzone. Freddie McLaughlin kicked the only extra point of the game.

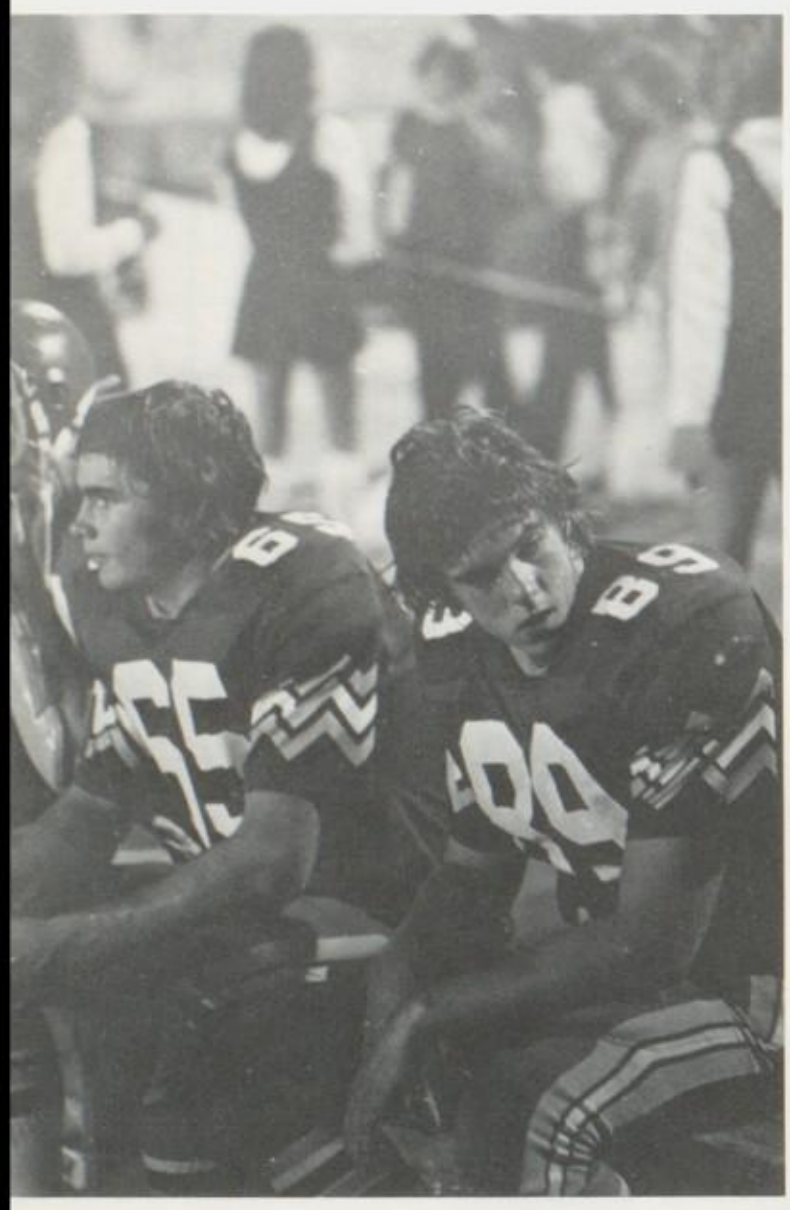
Godby ended the game by adding two touchdowns in the 4th quarter making the final score 26-7.

The following week Choctaw came back strong with a 37-0 shutout over the Niceville High School Eagles.

James Berry, a sophomore, led the running attack for the Indians as he rolled up 214 yards in 21 carries including the first two touchdowns of the game. Dale Waldorff came up with the next pair of TD's.

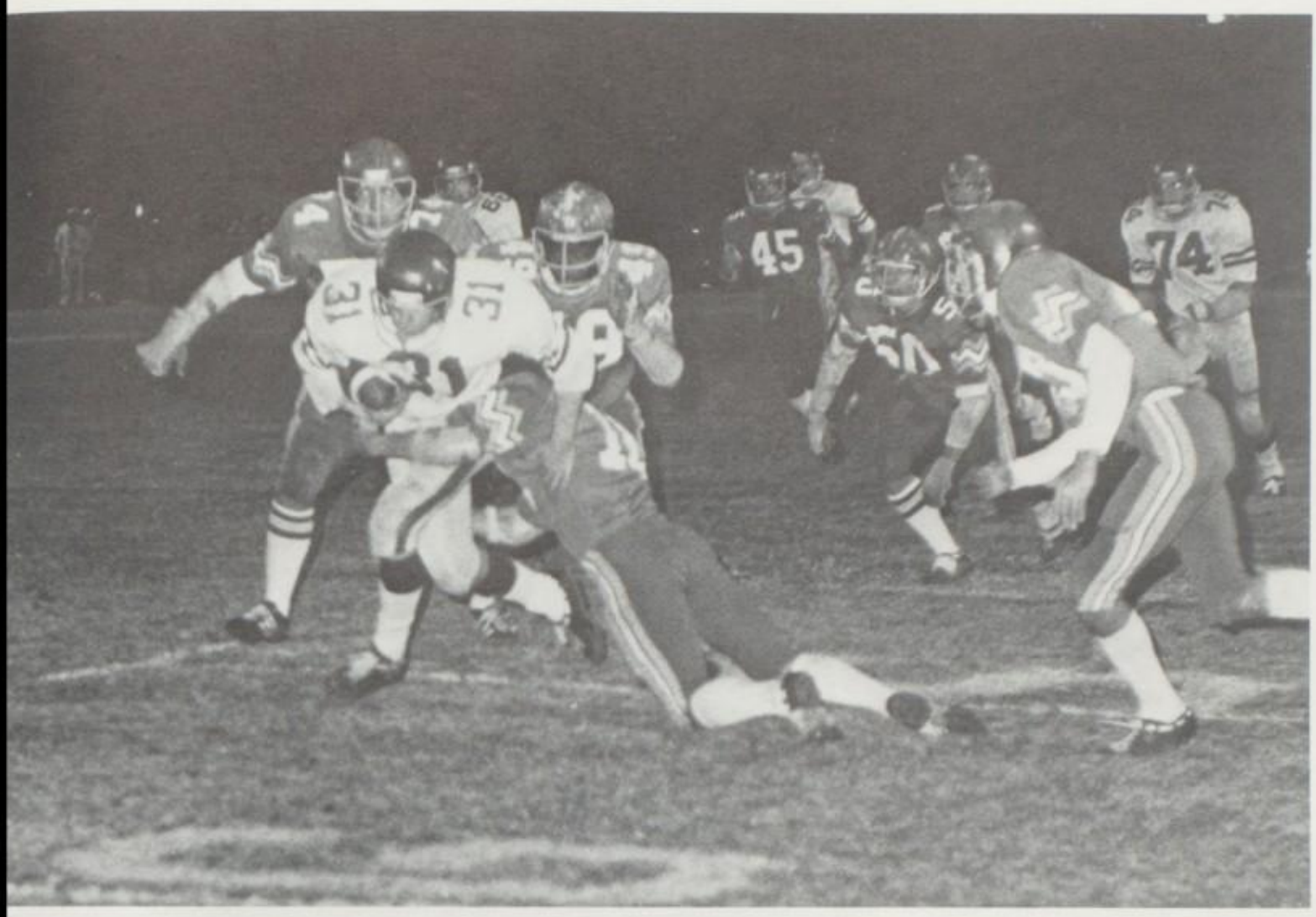
Niceville had trouble throughout the game trying to get the ball into Choctaw territory. In the process they received 7 first downs but fumbled 5 times losing 4 of them to the Indians. They were also penalized 35 yards during the game.

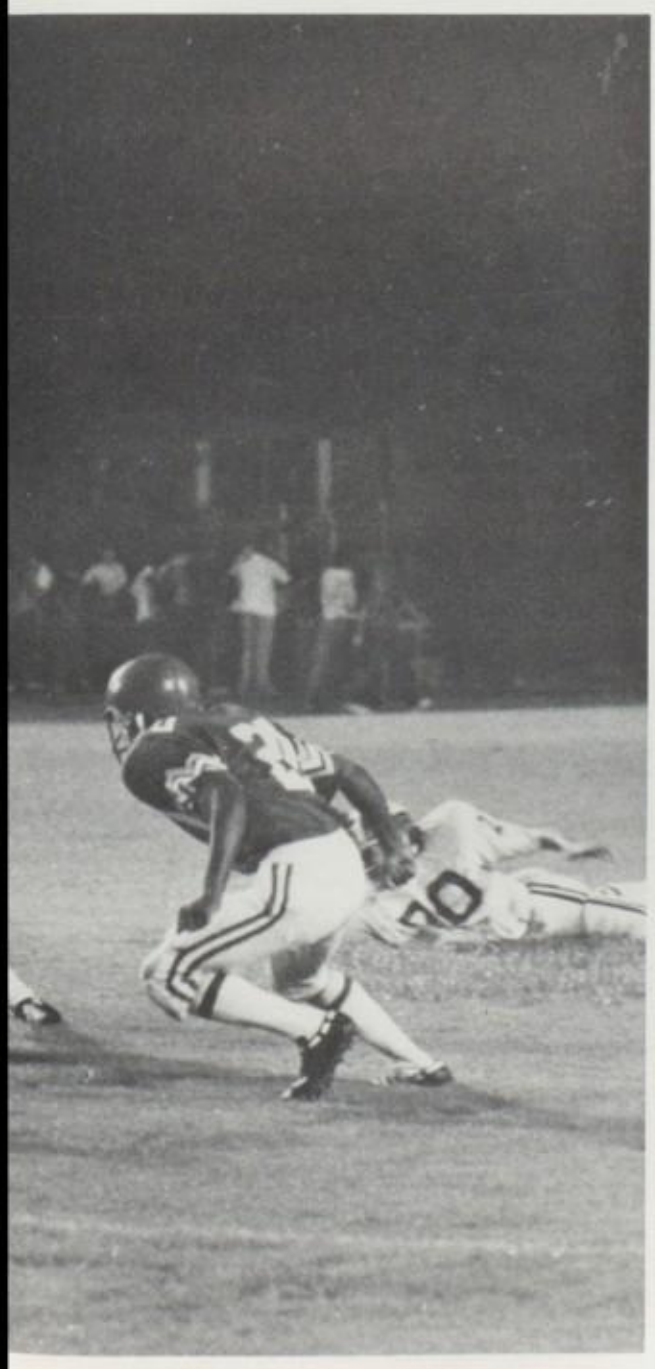
The last two touchdowns were made by Robert Breedon and Jeff Spencer, making the final score 37-0.



Center Left: Seniors, Allen Scott (65) and captain Tom Jordan (89) rest while the defensive squad takes over. Tom received a 4-year scholarship to Northeast Louisiana.

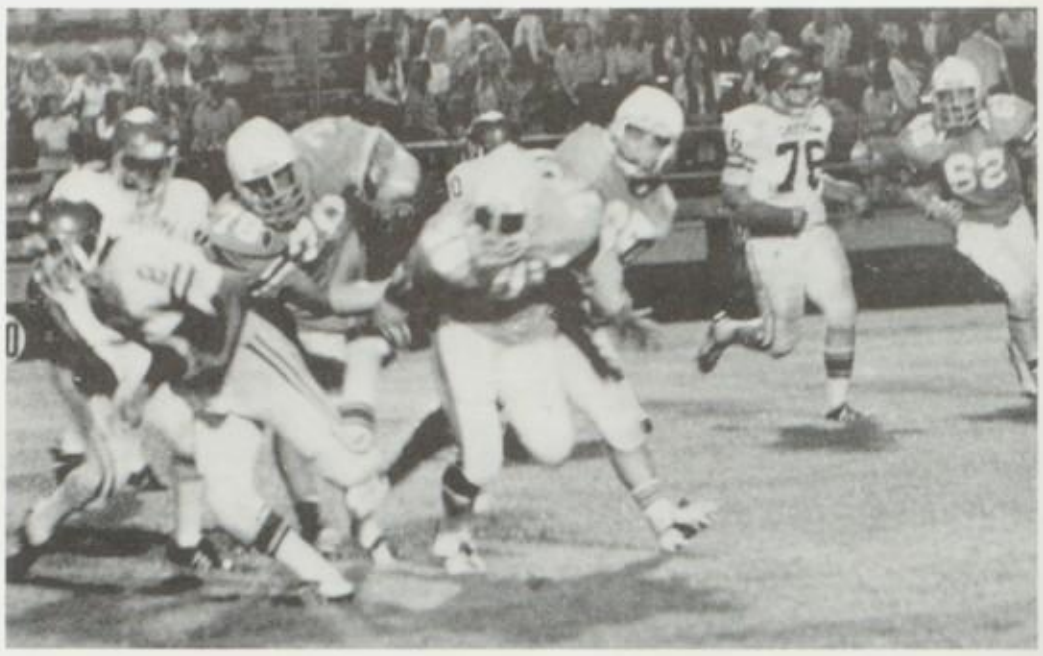
Bottom Center: Sophomore running sensation, James Berry (40), picks up the 1st down before the Niceville defenders can bring him down. James rushes for excess of 100 yards.





Top Left: Choctaw defenders catch a Godby defender on the five yard line. The Indians were noted as having the BFC's best defensive squad.

Center Right: Hometown fans are treated to an offensive show as the Choctaw Indians romp the Niceville Eagles in a cross-county rivalry game by a shutout score of 37-0.



Top Left: Hours upon hours of drilling plays enable the runner to spot that hole. A good fake also helps pull the defense off and gains that all important yardage.

Untested Indians Chalk Up Two Wins Over Escambia, Bay—Leave Season Record at 4-1

With the combined efforts of the Indians, Choctaw had their third shutout of the season with a 20-0 victory over the Escambia Raiders. The Big Green team played with few mistakes, fumbling twice but losing only one of them. They were able to pick up 319 yards on the ground and 35 in the air. Running back, James Berry, behind the excellent blocking and superb effort of the linesmen, was able to rack up 130 of the total yardage, and also running for two touchdowns. The first touchdown was made by Eugene Robinson early in the first quarter.

The defense played well, holding EHS to a mere 103 yards rushing and 27 passing. George Bosnake, David Miller and Jody Henderson sparked the defense by sacking their quarterback and intercepting passes.

Choctaw defeated Bay with a score of 13-6, giving the Indians a 4-1 season record. The game was high in fumbles, as CHS fumbled 4 times while Bay fumbled twice.

The offensive squad played with excellent effort as they opened up large holes for the running backs. Once again the defense proved itself superior to the opponent. This made 3 out of 4 games in which the Tribe blanked the other team.

Center Left: The Big Green defensive proves its reputation in the Escambia shut-out. The offensive line for the Raiders was constantly engulfed by the Indians.

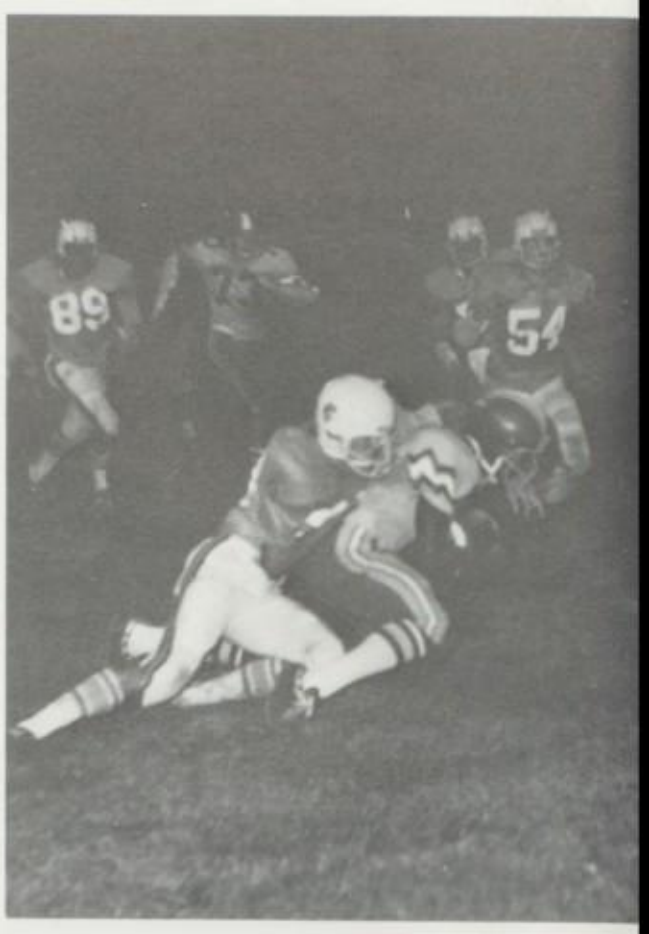
Bottom Left: Practice on the blocking sled pays off as the offensive tackles make room for receivers downfield. Receivers also spend time learning to lower that head and dig in.

Top Center: Despite the practice to prevent penalties, some do occur. The referees are always on top of the passing plays ready to call interference and other technicalities.

Top Right: Bay's ground game is painly stopped as the Tribe defensive line smothers the Tornado running back. Bay High could only produce one touchdown in the game.

Center Right: A Bay running back stretches for extra yardage in an attempt to make the first down. Every inch gained can be crucial, for it can determine the outcome of the game.

Bottom Center: As the Choctaw mascot and symbol of pride, Pop Marler attends yet another home game. He embodies the older citzenry's pride in the Indians. He embodies the town's pride in the Indians.



Top Left: Even when the heat is on, the Big Indians keep pushing. The crowd roars at a pinpoint pass, directly on target to a waiting Indian ready to make the touchdown.

Center Left: Choctaw's band and cheerleaders form a spirit line for their fired up team. The Big Green Indian in the archway has been contributed for Homecoming by the Art Club.

Bottom Right: After tearing the Rams apart, the tribe exits the field with Choctaw pride and glory. Filled with emotion, the team presents Head Coach Feely with the game ball.

Indians Ram Rutherford, Tumble Over Titans For Their Fourth, Fifth Consecutive Victories

Choctawhatchee exhibited the meaning of being a Big Green Indian during their Homecoming. Both the offense and the defense went on the warpath. The war party moved out to open scoring in the first period with a James Berry touchdown. The tribe then exploded with two more TD's before halftime.

The Indians produced two more scores in the third period. The first being a pass to Yancy Chambers and the second an interception by defensive linebacker Chris Koral.

In the fourth quarter of action, Choctawhatchee connected for yet another touchdown. This was the final score of the game making it Choctaw 42, Rutherford 0.

After each of the six TD's Fred McLaughlin split the uprights. The defense butted the Rams all over the field, allowing only four first downs, 18 yards rushing, and just 64 yards passing.

Defense was the name of the game when the Indians took on the Titans. Woodham was kept in its own territory most of the evening.

Choctaw struck in the third quarter after a scoreless half. Berry ran 80 yards for the TD on a punt return. McLaughlin accounted for the other four points, kicking the extra point and then a field goal.

Woodham came right back in the fourth quarter to score with a ten yard TD pass and a two point conversion. With 2:32 left, it was a 10-8 ballgame, Choctaw's favor.

The Titans tried again, but the clock ticked away the last seconds of the game. Choctaw proved victorious once more.

Top Left: Trying and pulling for that extra yard in battle, this Indian fights his way. Even though it is an away game, a spirited following urges their team on.

Bottom Right: Spirited alumni cheer on Dale Wladorff (12) as he keeps the ball and runs for a long gain. Dale is being pursued by one of the Rutherford Rams.

Mighty Chocs Demolish Dolphins, Overtake Leon With Effort And Enthusiasm, Not Score

Big Green speared the Mosley Dolphins by a score of 21-7, making it their sixth straight win. All of the Indians' scoring came in the first half of the game. Dale Waldorff gave Choctaw their initial score in the first quarter, with James Berry making the final TD's.

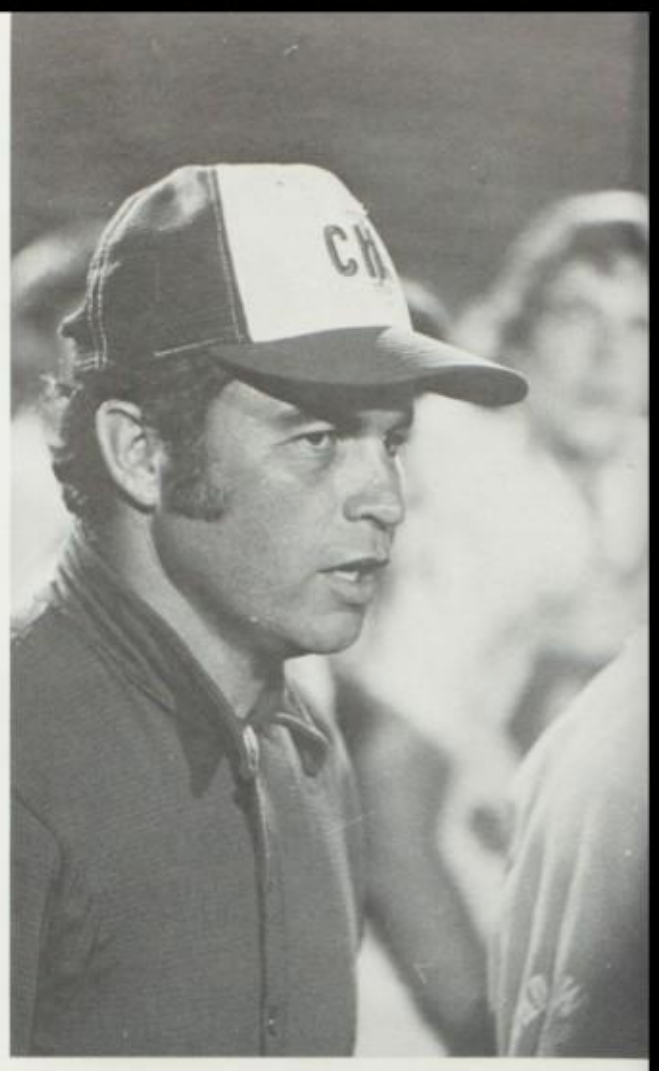
During the second half of action, the Big Green defense held the Dolphins to a single touchdown, giving them tough opposition all the way. Choctaw's offense, although not scoring in the second half, ate up the clock with a steady and time consuming running attack.

Both teams had three turnovers. The Indians capitalized on the Dolphin mistakes, whereas the Panama City team was unable to reciprocate.

Choctaw next traveled to Tallahassee where they played Leon. The Indians brought along their renowned spirit and many fans.

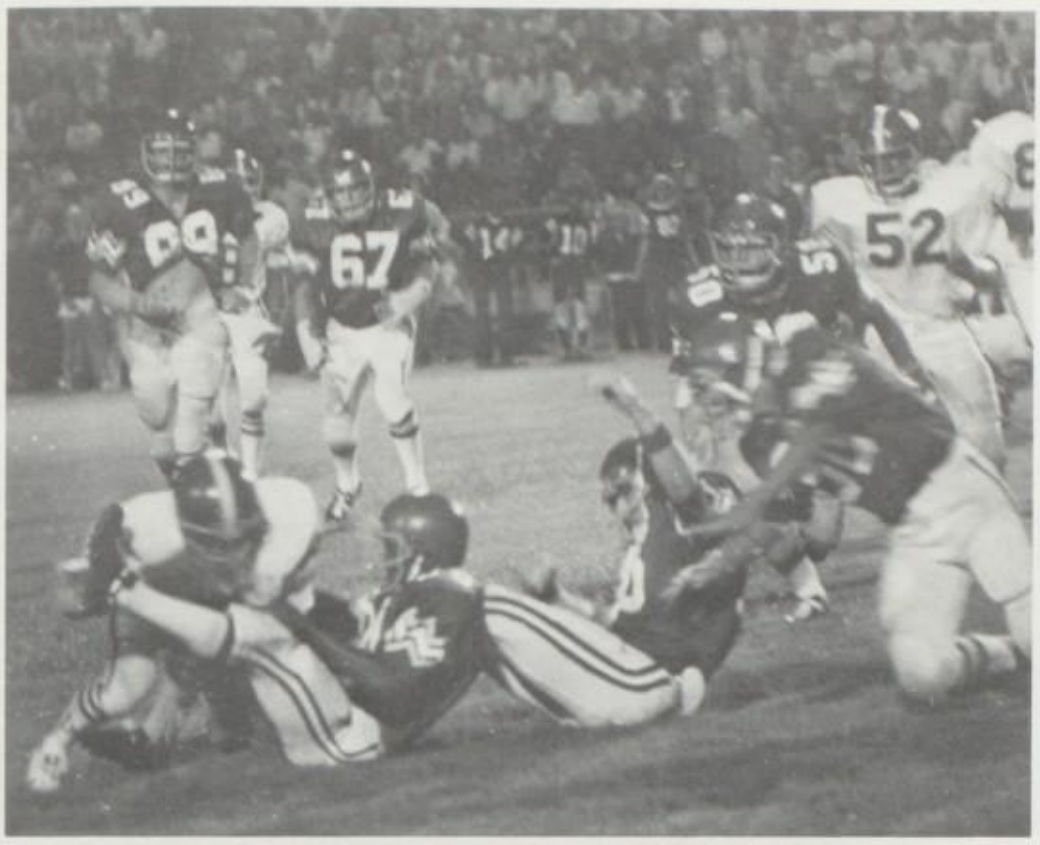
Although the Lions opened the scoring, they had all they could handle for the first thirty minutes of the game. The Indians took over in the second period scoring a TD and extra point. With just three seconds left in the half, Freddie McLaughlin kicked a field goal to break the tie score. Big Green was now leading 10-7.

During the third quarter, Leon's Jordan got his arm uncorked. The result, 281 yards passing and five TD's, didn't discourage the mighty warriors. They pulled out two more TD's before the game ended 23-42.



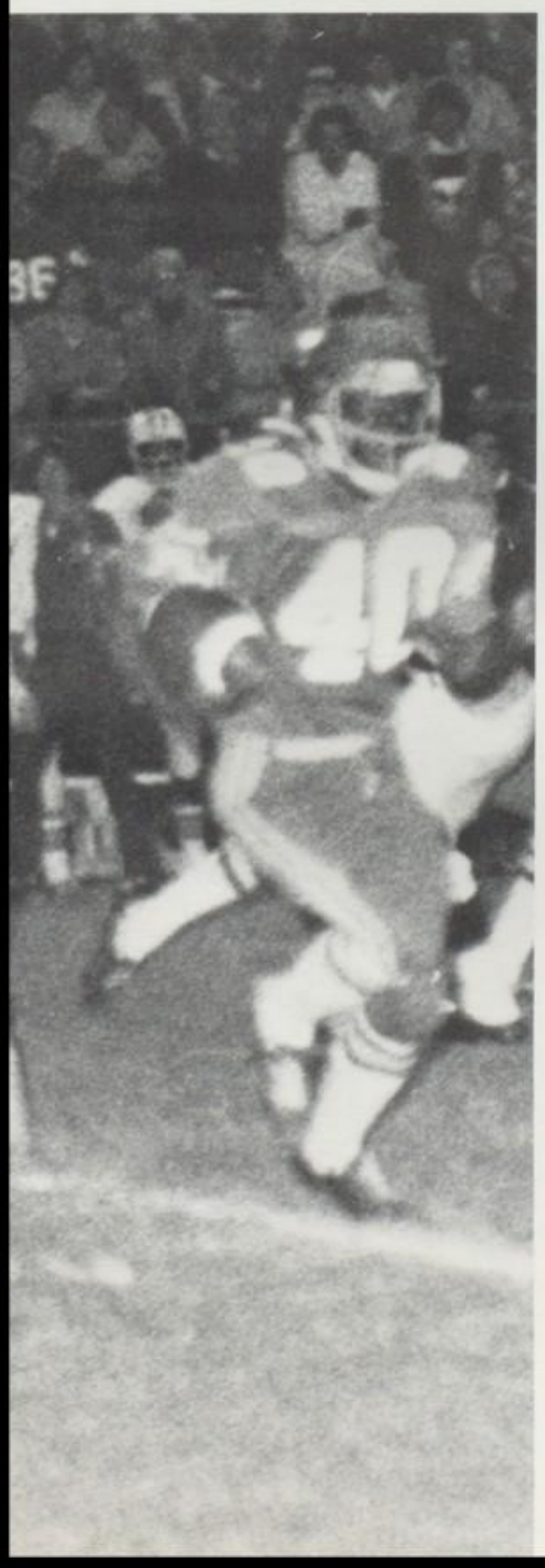
Top Right: Choctawhatchee Big Green's Head Coach Feely expresses the game tension. New to the school this year, he has readily become a Big Green Indian.

Center Left: Jeff Spencer (28) follows some good blocking as he moves that ball down the field. Each player's moves are essential in order to complete plays such as this one.



Bottom Left: James Berry (40) is on the road to yet another touchdown. Although a sophomore, James has gained more than 1000 yards rushing so far this season.

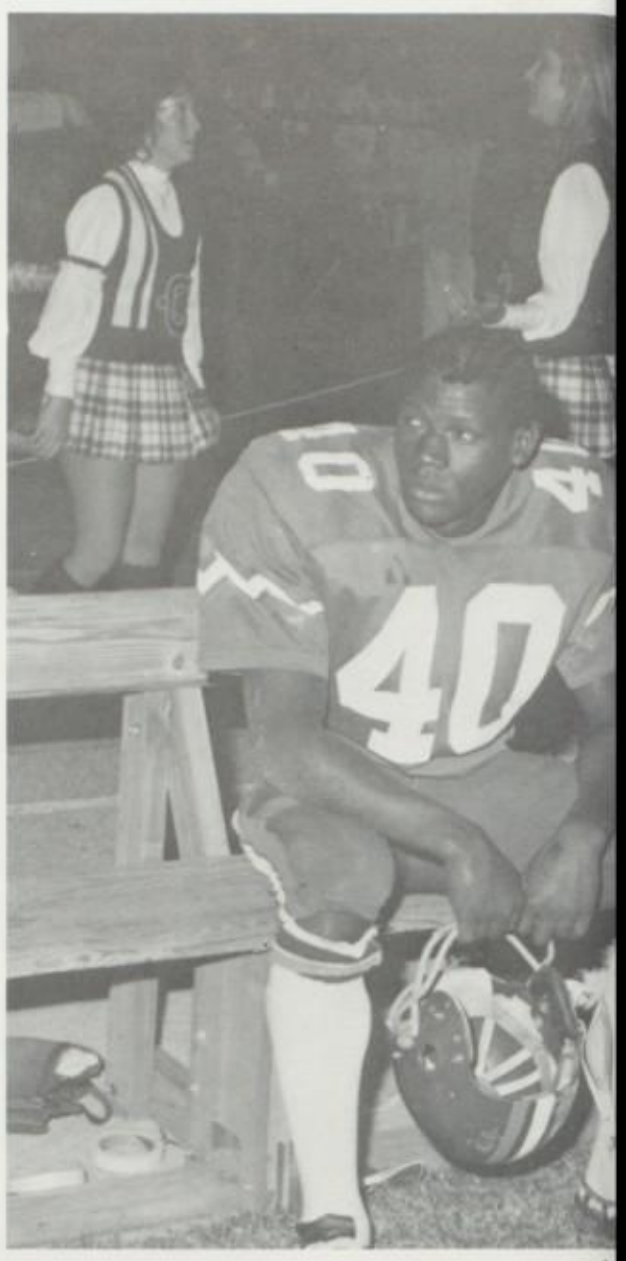
Top Left: Even the best offensive line can be penetrated as a defensive Lion demonstrates by tackling James Berry. Unfortunately, this typifies most of the game action.



Series: "To the victor go the spoils," as the old adage goes. Victory was never quite complete without that final hug of appreciation as is often demonstrated at ball games.

Top Center: Players find that the perspective changes as one sits on the bench (everyone spends time there, eventually). Omnipotence gives way to helplessness.

Top Left: The morning before "The Game" all the students participated in the pep rally. The Madrigals put on a special show and so did the new club CHS Guitarists Association.



Bottom Left: James Berry, sophomore running back from Meigs, has been the Indian's leading runner and pass receiver this year. He has carried for over 1000 yards this season.

Bottom Center: Choctaw placed fifth in Florida, in the number of points they scored over their opponents. They totaled 151 points as they ended the season with a 7-3 record.

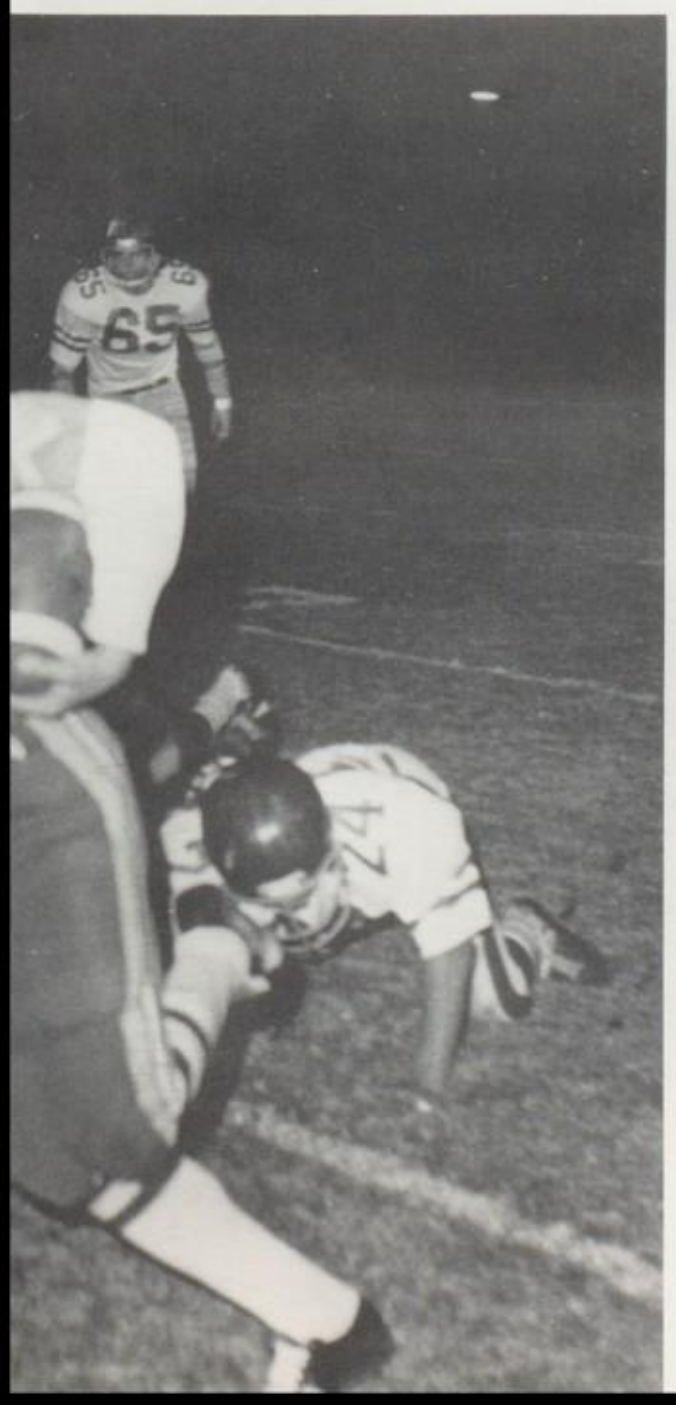
Top Right:Viking defenders are not allowing Choctaw much running room, as sophomore running back James Berry (40), is tackled behind the line of scrimmage.

Pride, Spirit Dominate Players, Fans Alike As Week Long Pep Rally Promotes Morale

"The Game" of 1975-76 began with a week long pep rally prior to the initial clash as the students participated in dressing up in hats, tennis shoes, overalls, sunglasses, and wearing green and white. The cross town rivalry between Choctaw and Ft. Walton was not as exciting as the previous four contests. Big Green spirit and pride reigned constantly, before, during, and after the game. This left no actual loser.

The predictions made by the area sports writers proved to come true, as the consistent defensive efforts made by both teams, gave the offensive squads trouble running the ball downfield. As the second half began, a forced fumble led to the only score of the evening by the Vikes. Choctaw did however, get down to the Vike 13 yard line but was still unable to make a TD. CHS still came up with more rushing yardage as they gained over 120 yards to FWBHS 118 yards.

The final score of the game was Fort Walton 7 and Choctaw 0. The players put forth their best individual and team efforts, and the fans' faith in their team was not by any means lost. From the way that the Indians performed and the way the fans reacted, it would have been impossible to find them losers. This is known as Choctaw P-R-I-D-E.



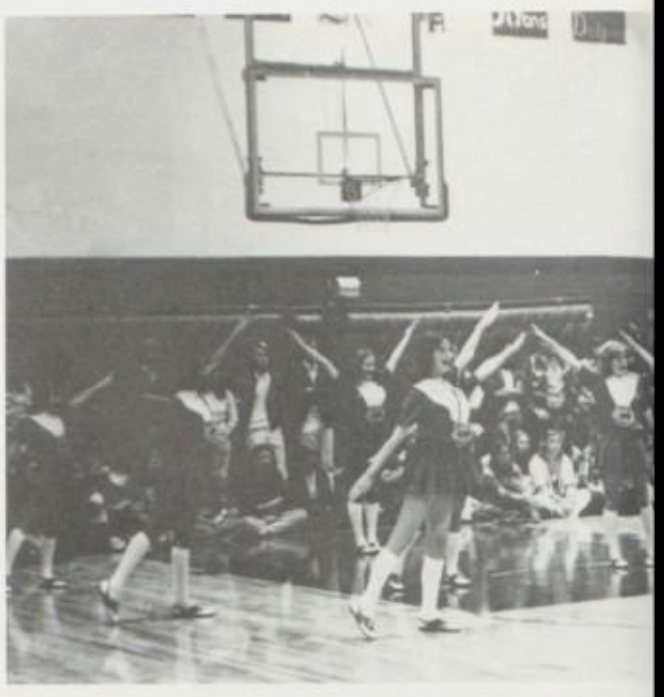
Bottom Right: Spotters in the press box alert Coach Green to problems in the Big Green defensive secondary as Fort Walton amasses a large amount of passing yardage.

Sophomore Cagers Post Outstanding Season Record Under First Year Coach's Leadership

The 75-76 version of Choctaw's junior varsity basketball repeated the victorious season of the previous teams. They finished 13-5 on the season defeating all the other teams in the league.

With Coach Bobby Marshall, the team practiced many profitable and popular plays of the previous years. Practice was augmented by constant work and drills with many weights and jump ropes. The J.V. coaches emphasized on defensive operations and making no mistakes.

The high scorers for the junior varsity were Bob Lemons and James Berry totaling 202 and 161 points respectively. Other high scorers Joel Fiser and Terry McClain were moved to play on the varsity during the course of the year in an effort to add new blood to that squad.



FRONT ROW: Richard Lee, James Berry, George Brown, Clayton White, Bucky Buchanan, Don Dillon, George Hambleton, Steve Downs. BACK ROW: Bob Lemons, Terry McClain, Tom O'Rourke, David Stein, Joel Fisher, Brent Bledsoe, Jeff Stevens, Mark Miller, Mark Pattison, Ernie Barnett.

Top Left: During the J.V. basketball season the junior varsity cheerleaders added a great deal to the poorly attended and spiritless J.V. games and pep rallies.

J.V. BASKETBALL

1975-76 J.V. BASKETBALL RECORD

(Won 13; Lost 5)

Choctaw		OPPONENT
57	Rutherford	62
42	Mosley	35
76	Ft. Walton HS	60
54	Woodham	60
65	Niceville HS	51
66	Woodham	56
43	Pensacola HS	45
45	Niceville HS	38
50	Milton HS	56
58	Bay HS	42
58	Rutherford	63
51	Milton HS	47
40	Ft. Walton HS	27
54	Bay HS	45
	Escambia HS	Default
57	Mosley	47
66	Pensacola HS	60
	Escambia HS	Default

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Bottom Left: Bruce Gleneck, a senior netter this year, bounces high over two Vikings in fourth quarter action of the Jamboree. His two point effort is successful.

Top Right: During the Leon Game. Wesley Robinson, with the aid of Bruce Gleneck and Gene Robinson, move in to rack up two points for the Indians scoreboard.

1975-76 Varsity BASKETBALL RECORD

(Won 7; Lost 21)

Choctaw		OPPONENT
53	Rutherford	62
72	Gulf Breeze HS	67
52	Crestview HS	54
63	Milton HS	54
51	Ft. Walton HS	91
39	Godby HS	47
68	Woodham	64
31	Niceville HS	56
67	Woodham	65
61	Pensacola HS	67
60	Niceville HS	62
74	Leon HS	81
64	Milton HS	72
60	Bay HS	63
56	Rutherford	62
58	Milton HS	59
68	Ft. Walton HS	55
68	Godby HS	66
79	Bay HS	96
54	Escambia HS	92
65	Mosley	67
62	Pensacola HS	76
63	Escambia HS	70
65	Leon HS	74
54	Leon HS	50
75	Mosley HS	65
45	Godby	60
72	Mosley HS	56

'76 Roundball Jamboree Foreshadows Upcoming Season For Varsity Basketball Team

Last year, after both the Varsity and JV teams posted great seasons; 21-5 and 15-5 respectively, everybody had high hopes of going to state finals in '76. This year, although, the cagers were an unusually young team hosting only three seniors, a huge pack of 12 juniors and one simple sophomore. Over 80 percent of the team had never played for the Big Green varsity before and they just couldn't get together and produce like the team did back in '75. Height was another limiting factor, with the team average being only 5'10". The Cagers were a superb team, but they could not operate well because the taller teams screened them out.

During the first confrontation of the season, The Roundball Jamboree, Choctaw stayed dormant until the third and fourth quarters when the Tribe lost to both Milton and FWBHS. In the third quarter Milton completely outplayed Choctaw by allowing the top scorer, Terry Webster, to put in only four points, which left Choctawhatchee with an 18-14 loss. Five Indians accounted for the scoring drive in the fourth quarter, but this was not enough to stop a Viking victory.

Choctaw's first home game of the season was with Leon HS. It proved to be a close contest with the score tied in the final minutes. It was a fair match, with the Tribe trailing slightly throughout the second half. Choctaw now lost control, and Leon quickly ran ahead grabbing a smooth, decisive victory. Two cagers, however, proved themselves to be key players; juniors Terry Webster and Wesley Robinson pumped in 20 points and 22 points each.

1975-1976 Varsity Basketball Team; FRONT ROW: Robert Bond, Gussie Duncan, Joel Dickey, Mark Lynch. SECOND ROW: Geff Brigante, Bruce Gleneck, James Dunmyer, Mark Schroeder, Jim Lowe, Terry Webster. BACK ROW: Wesley Robinson, Jeff Perkins, Larry Peterson, Eugene Robinson, Marcus Montgomery, Kelly McLaughlin.

Indians Rip Gulf Breeze In Christmas Tourney But Trampled By Bulldogs In Semi-Final Play

The Annual Christmas Tourney was held here at Choctaw this season, and the Tribe brought home impressive results after the first night of play. Choctaw posted a surprising victory over Gulf Breeze during Friday night competition. The Tribe led at half-time, and worked hard enough to give Choctaw a fantastic victory. Wesley Robinson was the high netter that night, putting in 23 points, while Terry Webster led the Tribe with seven rebounds.

The greatest aspect of this victory was not the game itself, but the fact that the Indians now had earned the right to play Crestview in the semi-finals. Once again the game was close and the Bulldogs played their five best men thorughout the entire game. In the final seconds, Crestview sank a foul shot which gave the Bulldogs a two point lead and the victory.

The new year came in, and everybody wanted to beat the Godby Cougars in Choctaw's first home game of the new year. The Indians, however, were hurt with fouls, which gave the Cougars the extra points needed to post a victory. Leading the scoring attack was Marcus Montgomery, a sophomore, who has proven himself to be an asset to the team.

The Niceville Eagles completely outplayed the Tribe during the next game. Producing less than they ever had, Choctaw was held to 15 shots from the field and one from the foul line. The Eagles also out rebounded Choctaw, 26-22, put in 14 free throws, and hit the rim for 21 points during the fourth quarter. In the end, the Tribe gave up another game, 31-55, to the Eagles.

Top Left: In the second quarter of the Godby game, Terry Webster puts a high shot in over the two Cougars, as a third tries to deflect its course at the basket.

Bottom Right: The spirit in the bleachers rises, as Choctawhatchee's Geff Brigante tries for two more points over the cross town rivals-the Fort Walton Beach Vikings.

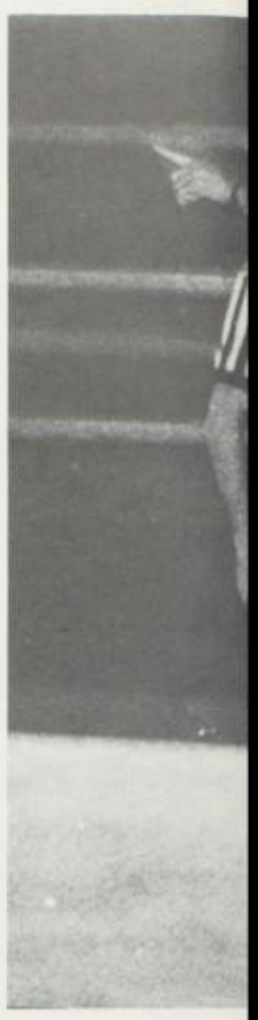
Top Left: A Godby Cougar unsuccessfully tries to add another two points to his team's slate over Choctawhatchee's junior Larry Peterson and senior Bruce Gleneck.

Top Right: Choctawhatchee's top junior, Wesley Robinson, carefully watches his two point attempt as the ball moves toward the basket, during the Leon basketball game.

Center Right: Terry Webster, a junior, decisively sprints away from a Crestview Bulldog during the semi-finals of the Christmas Tourney, which was played here at Choctaw.

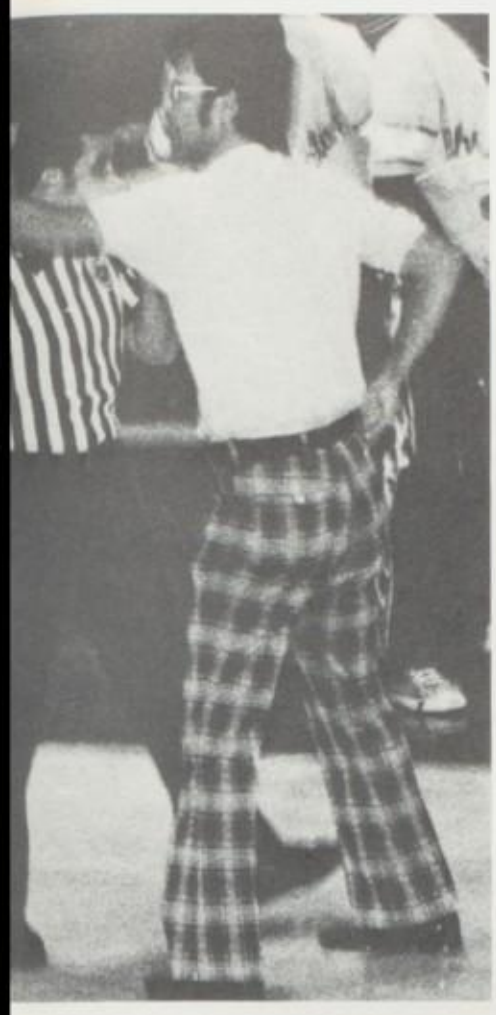
Bottom Left: The gym quiets, as star junior, Geff Brigante, shows his skill with a shot from the foul line in the final quarter play of the Milton basketball game.

Top Right: Mark Schroeder, since taken off the team, puts the move on three Milton players as he jumps up for two more points, for the Big Green varsity slate.



Center Left: Jeff Stevens, a sophomore cager, easily floats up over the opponent with a lay-up and two additional points to help increase the Tribe's score against Milton.

Bottom Right: A Panama City Bay High Tornado is assisted by offensive teammates who succesfully screen out the Choctaw cagers and add to their scoreboard.



Last Second Basket Gives Choctaw Victory; But Defeat Still Reigns With Milton, Pensacola

With three seconds left in the Woodham game, Choctawhatchee's Marcus Montgomery picked off a rebound and shot the ball in the basket for a 2 point win over the Titans. Although the game was close, (it was tied twice). The Tribe managed to get four players into double figures. Leading the Tribe with baskets was Wesley Robinson who pumped in 24 points while Terry Webster was right on his heels with another 15. These two, along with Eugene Robinson and Montgomery helped give Choctaw the points to beat Woodham.

After a fantastic win the night before, the Tribe just couldn't get it together again and ended up with a striking defeat by the Pensacola Tigers. The first quarter action ended with the scores tied and the third ended with the Indians ahead. Then in the final minutes, the Tribe let things go and Pensacola jumped to a six point victory.

At half time during the Milton game, the Tribe had the Panthers by seven points, but in the third and fourth quarters Milton exploded and netted 21 baskets. After half time Choctaw went cold, which enabled the Panthers to put in nine floor shots as compared to the Indian's three. Wesley Robinson and Terry Webster pumped in 15 and 24 points for Choctaw's slate, but even this was not enough to propel the Tribe to a victory over the winning panther team.

Top Left: Head Coach, Benny Gabbard, during a tense moment in the Bay game is not hesitant to tell the referee what he thinks of the foul called against the Tribe.

Center Right: In a more relaxed mood, Coach Gabbard silently goes over the recent movements which the Choctawhatchee varsity Cagers have just been penalized for.

Bottom Left: Joel Dickey, number 30, and a junior cager, concentrates hard on a shot from the foul line during a tense moment in first quarter action of the Milton game.

Season Ends On A Downswing As Indian Cagers Fall To Four Formidable Opponents

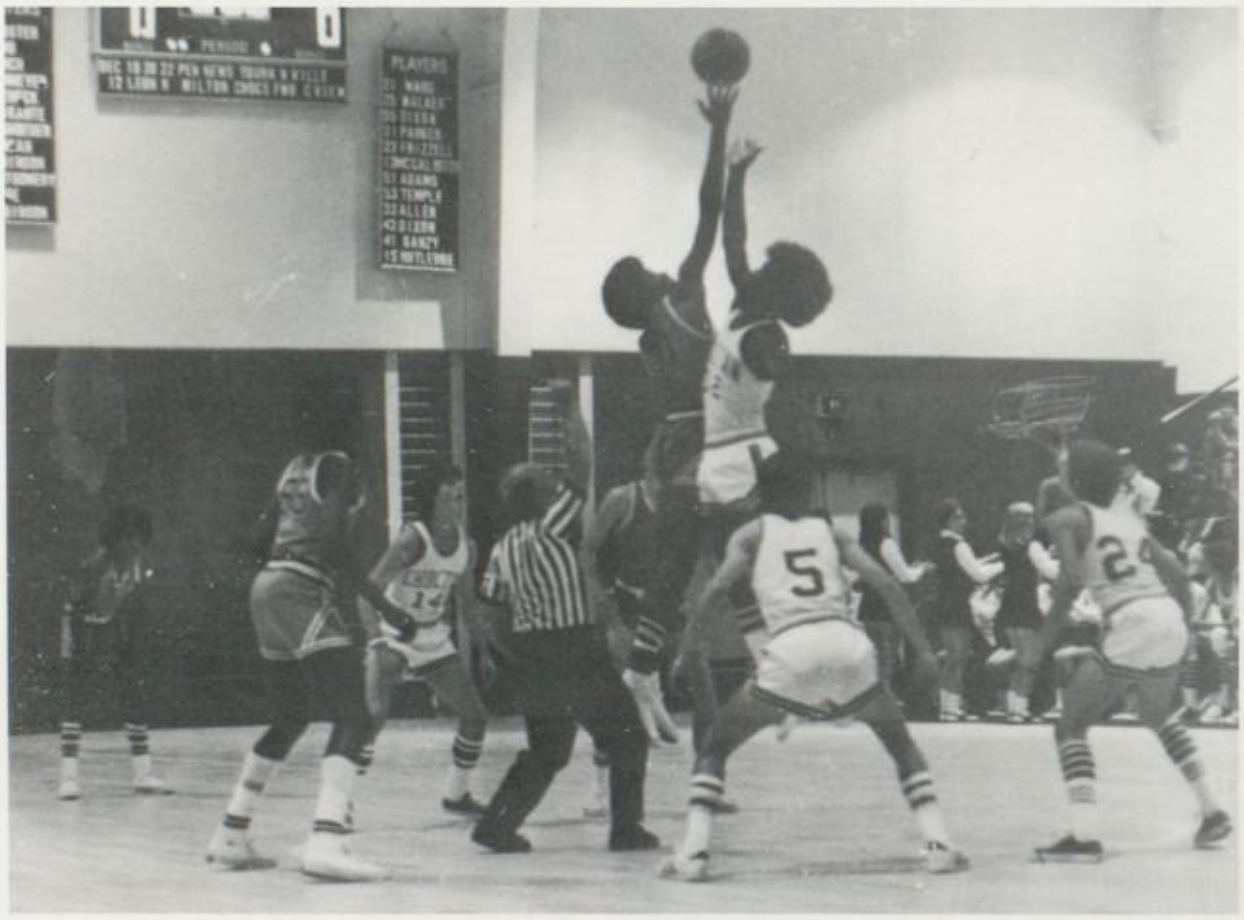
Choctaw's Big Green basketball team suffered through the last four home games as Rutherford, Fort Walton, Escambia, and Mosley all defeated the young Indian squad.

The first loss went to the Rutherford Rams. Leading at the end of the first quarter 18-14, Indian cagers fought off an onslaught of rebounds by the Rams to leave the court at half-time 32-28. After the break, Rams players devasted the Indian guards and took the game

Cross-town rival Fort Walton was the next loss as the mighty Viking team led the Indians throughout the first half. Viking defense proved too powerful for the Indians as they held our team to only six points in the fourth quarter. Final score was 68-54.

Escambia handily defeated Choctaw in the Indians' next outing by a score of 92-54. Leading the entire game, Raider players capitalized on several Indian mistakes.

The Indians' last loss was at the hands of the Mosley Dolphins. However, the game proved to be a real close contest as the Indians held off the Dolphin offense until late in the second quarter when the Dolphins exploded with ten straight baskets and took the lead 30-29. During the third quarter, Mosley increased its lead with precision passing and numerous Indian fouls. A fourth quarter rally led by Indians Marcus Montgomery and Gussie Duncan fell short as the final buzzer rang leaving the Indians two points behind and very disappointed on the season.



Center Left: The tip-off starting third quarter play in the Raider game, finds Wesley Robinson being edged out by a tall, high jumping Escambia player.

Bottom Left: Gegg Brigante, junior cager, is assisted by Wesley Robinson in scoring two points for Choctaw. Viking defenders, positioned all around, try to block.

Top Left: Junior, Eugene Robinson, calculates the odds and shoots unguarded from an outside corner during the Rutherford game. Sparse crowd reveals losing seasons' toll.

Center Right: Choctaw's only sophomore on the varsity squad, Marcus Montgomery, goes up for two points over a Viking player during the Fort Walton contest.

Bottom Right: Indian cagers look on as an unidentified player sinks two more points for the Big Green Indians during the agonizing Mosley game. Final score proved shot futile.

Bottom Left: An all out struggle for possession between both teams occurs as Indians Larry Peterson and James Dunmeyer go up under the Indian basket hounded by a Mosley defender.

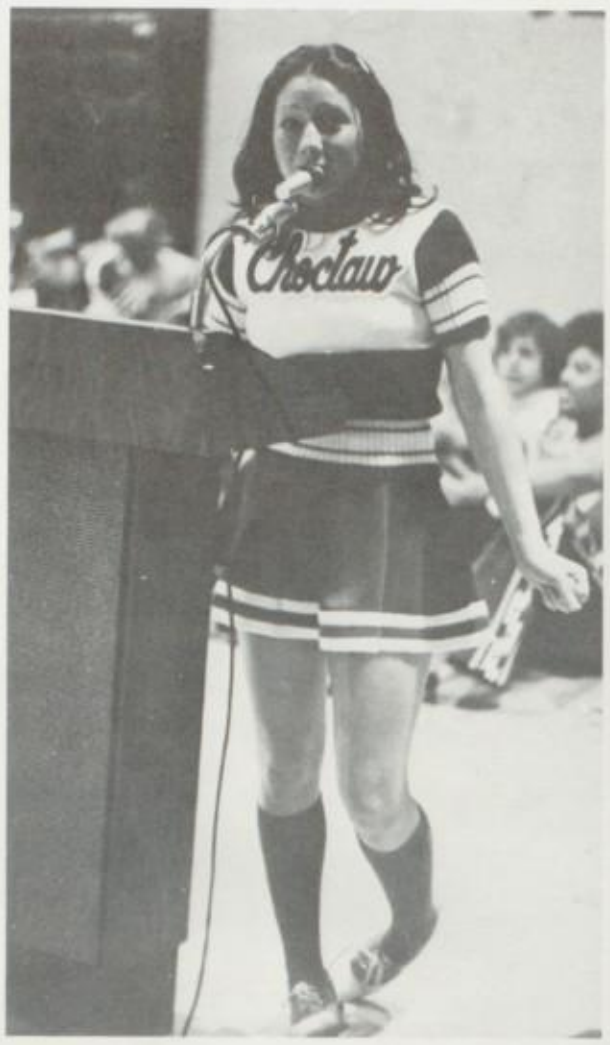
Spirit, Pride In Bicentennial Makes Exciting Year For Devoted Choctawhatchee Squad

There was an air about this year. A special feeling. Much of this was due to the outstanding spirit of our varsity cheerleaders.

This year, as many before, they received superior ratings and the highest award at the Golden Eagle Summer Camp. They were also voted most outstanding squad by all the other girls attending camp. Four of our cheerleaders received Golden Eagle Applications. These will let them try out as paid instructors.

Mrs. Jenny Hamilton, their energetic sponsor, felt that her varsity squad had been one of the best and most successful yet. Mrs. Hamilton has been their leader for six years and says, "The girls are very happy and exciting people. I have a lot of respect for them all and I don't mind spending my time with them."

Many hours were spent setting up pep rallies, painting signs, practicing skits and cheers, and just spreading spirit. Our cheerleaders have helped to make this an exciting year for Choctaw, and hopefully one to remember. Their enthusiasm will serve as a model for future squads.



Top Right: Tami Cox strikes a typical pose as she urges the crowd, "Have spirit, ya'll!" Being announcer for pep rallies is not such an easy job after all.

Center Left: Mrs. Jenny Hamilton, their devoted sponsor, takes a break during an outdoor pep rally to direct captain Tami Cox as to what cheer to do next.

FRONT ROW: Tami Cox, capt; Jami Costin, co. capt.; SECOND ROW: Pattie Smith, Terri Burnett, Nancy Bixby, Jerri Poore, Tammy Fortenberry, Michelle Furmage, Allison Mathis, Nancy Bullock. THIRD ROW: Vicki Huddleston, Juliana VanSwearingen. TOP ROW: Dru Coleman, Faith Bergman.

Top Left: Allison Mathis in deep concentration as the Big Green makes another touchdown. For the rest it brings smiles, spirit, and happy faces.

Top Right: Junior cheerleaders Pattie Smith and Faith Bergman get the crowd "fired up" at the 1975-76 Homecoming game. Excitement is high, as is usual.

Bottom Left: Togetherness is what counts and these girls certainly seem to have it as they "show their stuff" to an extremely proud student body and football team.

Excited Newcomers "Get Fired Up" To Make First Year At Choctaw One They'll Remember

The junior varsity cheerleaders' main objective was to raise sophomore spirit, and they have worked very hard at it.

They were rated as one of the top five squads in the Golden Eagle Cheerleading Clinic at Deland University in Florida, and each individual received a spirit stick.

Along with cheering at the J.V. games, they helped the varsity cheerleaders raise money and sell spirit tags. One of the main problems they had was trying to get recognition for the sophomore class.

The J.V. cheerleaders took part in dressing up for Homecoming Week, and in December they cheered for the "Redheads" in the Cagers game held at Choctawhatchee.

Top Right: Lisa Signorelli and Kim Creamer cheer their J.V. basketball team on to victory as the Tribe makes another two points. Spirit mounts as the game goes on.

Center Left: Excited at their first Homecoming game, J.V. cheerleaders wave and smile to the large crowd in their yellow and green decorated car during the parade.

Bottom Right: Lisa Signorelli has that typical cheerleader exuberance as she receives her corsage at the annual banquet held for J.V. and varsity cheerleaders.

Top Left: JV Cheerleaders get in the Halloween spirit by wearing colorful masks. At all games the squads take pride in their acrobatic and geometric formations.

Center Right: Lining up for a cheer, they try to pep their team up with their never ending spirit and pride even when it looks as though they might lose. Pride is a must at all times.

FRONT ROW: Cori Kelly, Lisa Nichols, Jill Dewrell, Soraya Kimbler. SECOND ROW: Lynn Nicoloff, Kim Creamer, Lisa Signorelli, Karen Nelson. THIRD ROW: Karen Hall, co. capt.; TOP ROW: Donna Zuppa, capt.

Jazz And Pizazz; High-Steppers Create New Halftime Showmanship, Image At Choctaw

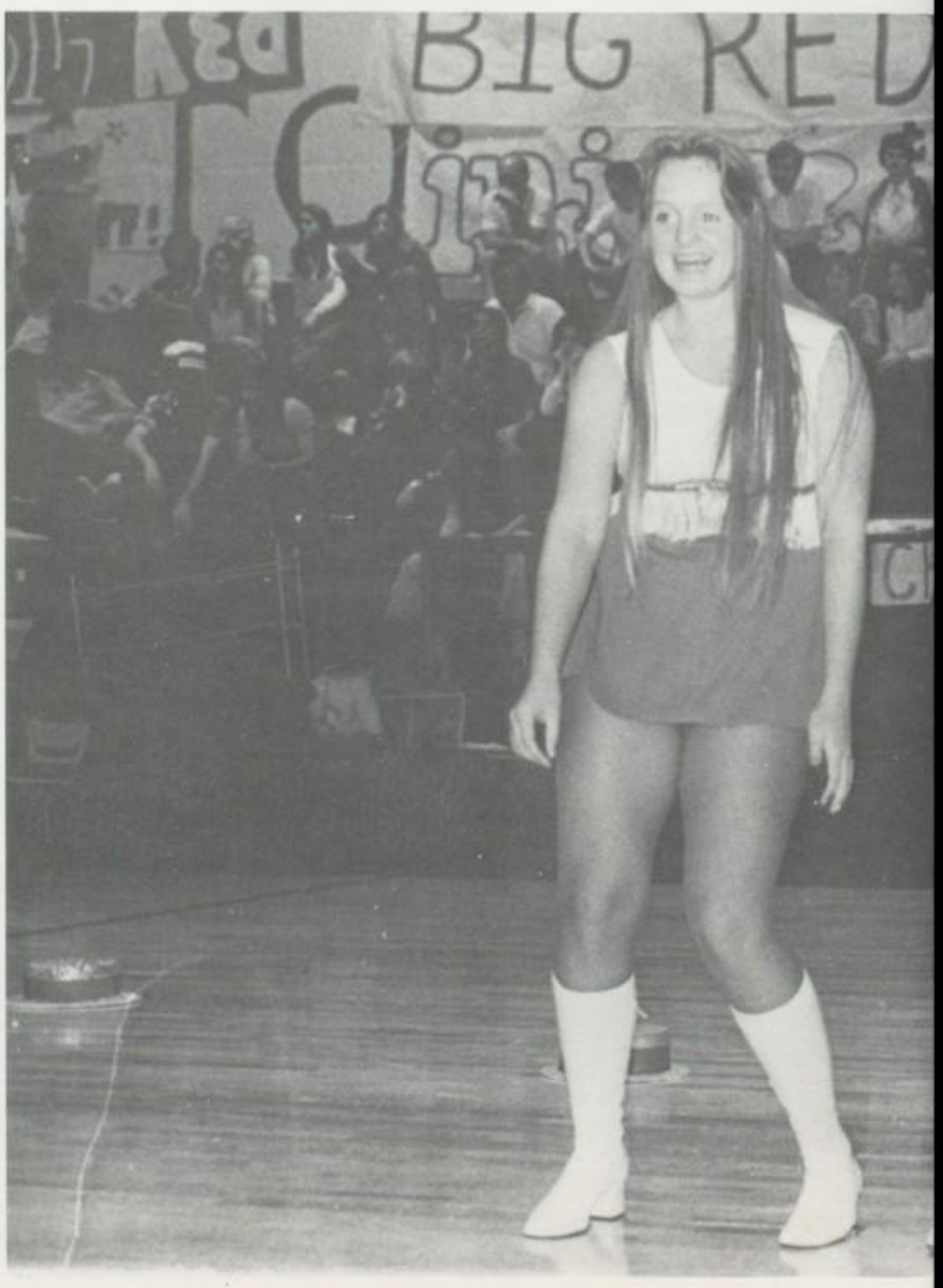
Halftime used to be the point in time when fans took a break from the game action to get refreshment. However, this year, the Choctawhatchee Indianettes captivated the spectators during the intermission of play with their halftime shows. No longer did fans remark, "It's time to get a drink." Instead they settled back to enjoy the entertainment at home basketball games.

The Indianettes, a dance drill team, performed many types of routines, ranging from military, to jazz, to pom-pom. Not only did the girls perform, they also helped the cheerleaders promote game spirit.

Mrs. Janie Varner, the new Indianette chief, was primarily responsible for the group's renovation. Indianettes was formed into a club having weekly practices, a constitution, and ICC membership. They were also a second semester class.

The tribe attended two clinics. One was a week long session during the summer. Here the squad won the spirit pom-pom and first place trophy along with over 50 individually awarded superior ribbons.

Several routines the Indianettes performed were learned at the clinics. The rest were taught to them by Mrs. Varner. This lady not only taught the group routines, but the importance of showmanship.



Top Right: Renee Hollarn performs to "Don't Worry 'Bout Me" at one of the pep rallies. Jazz and modern dance are incorporated into many of the Indianette routines.

Center Left: Smiles and poise are Indianette trademarks. Cindy Wingo and Debbie Mosier, in their final stance, end their nervousness and halftime performance simultaneously.

Bottom Right: Carla Jackson and Laura McCarty do the "bump," a popular dance. Partners contact their hips, shoulders, knees, etc. on the downbeat of the music.

FRONT ROW: Vicki Seeger, co-capt.; Wynn Rivers, capt. SECOND ROW: Carla Jackson, Mary Lou Mundy, Cindy Sowell, Lisa Weber, Laura McCarty, Diane Humphries. TOP ROW: Renee Hollarn, Ellen Handley, Karen McClanahan, Janet Morris, Lori Pritchard, Debbie Mosier, Cindy Wingo, Debbie Hennecke. NOT SHOWN: Mrs. Janie Varner, sponsor.

Top Left: Sponsor Mrs. Janie Varner is just one among many teenie-boppers on '50's Day. The students and teachers are dressed up in Choctaw spirit for a game against Ft. Walton.

Bottom Left: Keeping in time with the music, Karen McClanahan enjoys performing for the home crowd. They, in return, enjoy watching the group's interpretation of "Shining Star."

Center Right: Pre-performance jitters are natural, even after the many hours of practice. Routines flash through the girls' minds while they assemble for their entrance.

BASKETBALL
FRONT ROW:
Juanita Brown
Charlene Turner
Jodi Starkell
SECOND ROW:
Vicky Seeger
Penny Pinkerton
Olivia Stovall
Mary Cooper
BACK ROW:
Sherry Smith
Kim McPhail
Rhonda Bertley
Becky Boning

GIRLS' SPORTS RECORD

Choctaw		OPPONENT
	A-BASKETBALL (Won 2; Lost 3)	
30	Niceville HS	40
38	Crestview HS	28
6	Fort Walton HS	63
45	Baker HS	34
30	Fort Walton HS	54
	B-BASKETBALL (Won 4; Lost 2)	
32	Niceville HS	50
30	Crestview HS	13
22	Fort Walton HS	24
34	Baker HS	28
39	Baker HS	26
48	Niceville HS	44
	VARSITY BASKETBALL (Won 1; Lost 1)	
37	Godby	36
27	Fletcher	72

SOFTBALL
FRONT ROW:
Debbie Poston
Lisa Shahid
Lunn Palkowski
Denise Bailey
BACK ROW:
Becky Kantner
Karen Smith
Vicki Cummings
Sherry Smith
Pam Tibbetts
Lunda Shahid
Becky Seeger

BASKETBALL
FRONT ROW:
Lynda Shahid
Denise Bailey
SECOND ROW:
Becky Seeger
Debbie Risher
BACK ROW:
Colleen Boyle

GIRLS' SPORTS

Highly Skilled Players Lead Combined Varsity Basketball Team To Regional Contest

In its second full year, the seven team girls' athletics program became a recognized and appreciated part of the total athletic program. While fielding teams in softball, volleyball, and basketball, the two basketball teams were the most successful. A varsity basketball team was formed by taking the best from the A and B teams. This team went to the Regional competition against Fletcher HS in Jacksonville.

Volleyball and softball each had great support this year; but, play was limited to one county tournament per event. Basketball, however, commanded more attention, with an eight game schedule.

Raking in some laurels, the A basketball team was runner up in the county, defeated only by arch rival, Ft. Walton Beach HS. The B team took first place over Niceville's B team in the same tournament. Although three teams were entered in volleyball, the CHS women failed to place. Ft. Walton Beach HS again wreaked havoc by defeating the A and B softball teams in that contest.

Coaches were: A teams and varsity, Miss Melody Jackson; and B teams, Mrs. Billie Salter.

SOFTBALL
FRONT ROW:
Juanita Brown
Penny Pinkerton
Tammy Davis
Mary Gunn
Babs Fincher
Tracey Estep
Becky Vance
BACK ROW:
Charlen Turner
Colleen Boyle
Sydney Campbell
Kim McPhail
Mary Cooper

VOLLEYBALL
FRONT ROW:
Barbara Becker
SECOND ROW:
Karen Smith
Jodi Starkell
Babs Fincher
Colleen Boyle
BACK ROW:
Debbie Beck
Rhonda Bertley
Tracey Estep
Nancy McCormac
Mary Gunn

VOLLEYBALL
FRONT ROW:
Becky Vance
Penny Pinkerton
SECOND ROW:
Sydney Campbell
Susan Andrews
BACK ROW:
Kim McPhail
Connie Maggert
Cheri Self
Janet Campbell

Local Contests Provide New Outlets For Girls; Coaches Stress Intangible Qualities, Skills

With the modern tendency toward equal opportunities for women in sports, CHS offered girls an intra and extramural program. Designed to create the chance to compete, it helped over sixty girls increase their individual athletic talents in a number of sports. But, the program also helped develop essential qualities such as leadership, kinship, and sportsmanship. With the travel within the county program the girls were exposed to differing social climates and other forms of training. But, in spite of these differences, many new friendships were propogated due to the competition.

With this philosophy in mind, the two coaches Melody Jackson and Mrs. Billie Salter urged competition and fair play. Having overcome local inertia the program almost doubled in a year. Working around the men's program, the girls practiced late nights and week-ends to prepare for the brief volleyball and softball county meets. The basketball team, with a larger schedule, practiced diligently for competition against all teams in the county.

The varsity basketball team consists of: FRONT ROW: Lynda Shahid, Denise Bailey. SECOND ROW: Kim McPhail, Becky Seeger, Charlene Turner, Debbie Risher, Mary Cooper, Penny Pinkerton. BACK ROW: Pam Tibbetts, Sherry Smith, Colleen Boyle, Julie Grimmig, and Rhonda Bentley. The members of the squad were the best of the A and B basketball teams.

Top Center: In sixth period practices the basketball teams practice the same fakes and offensive drills which helped them make it to Regional play in Jacksonville.

Top Right: In spite of diligent practice during school and in the evenings, the three volleyball teams failed to place in the one county tournament played this year.

Bottom Center: So many students at Choctaw had the capability and desire to play volleyball that three teams could be fielded. CHS had more support than any other area school.

Bottom Right: At the Girls' Sports banquet held May 27, Miss Melody Jackson and Mrs. Billie Salter receive corsages and congratulations for long months of hard work.

Boys', Girls' Teams Accomplish The Unusual; Both Teams Take District Title In Same Year

For the second year in a row, the Choctawhatchee tennis team went to State. This was very unusual, since Choctaw has been the only school to have their boys' and girls' team win district in the same year. Soon after winning the district tournament in Panama City, they traveled to Gainsville for the state tournaments. Despite the high hopes the tennis team had, they did not do as well as they had hoped.

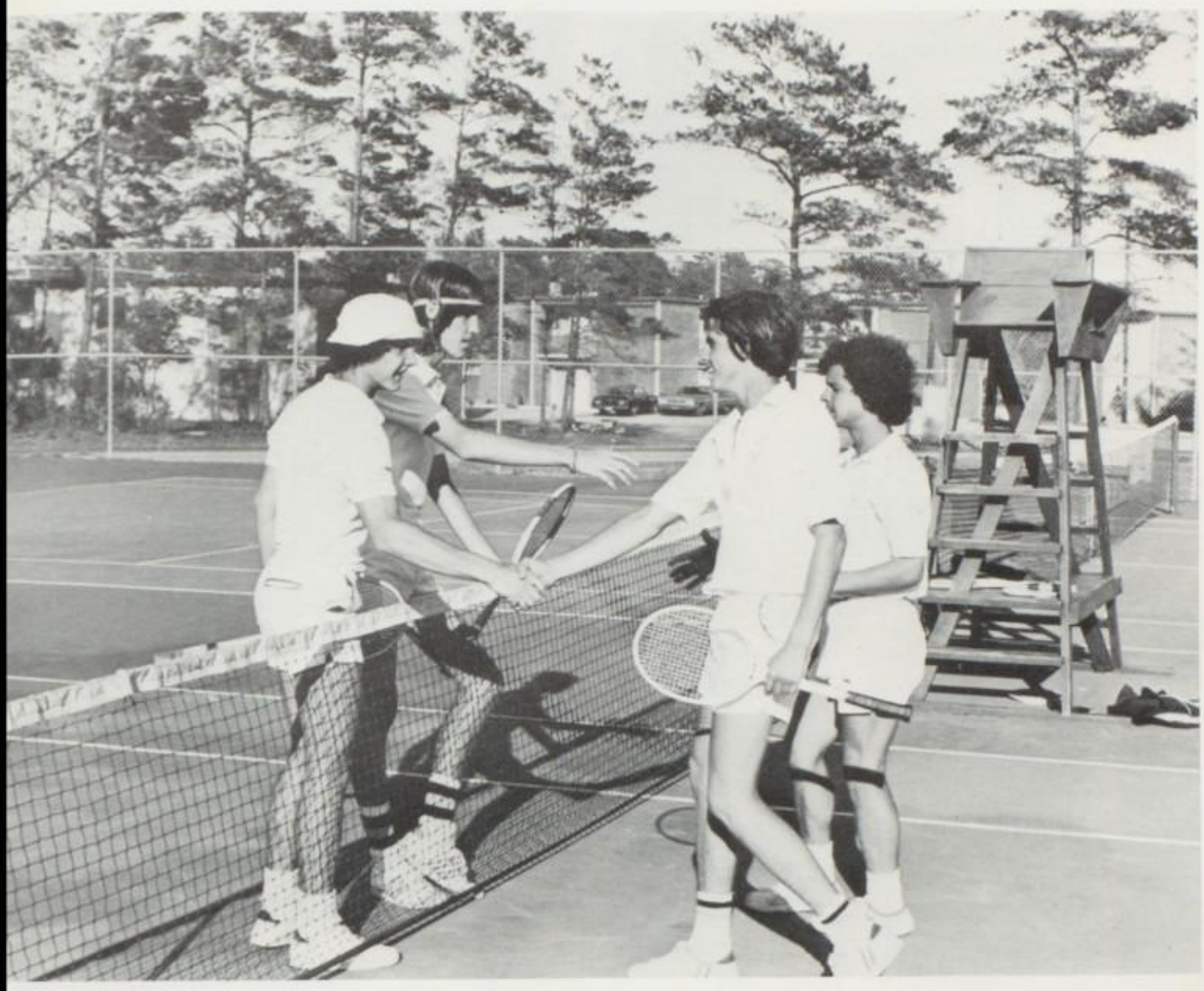
This year, the top five players on the girls' team consisted of Terri Burnett, Julie Grimmig, Lynn Grimmig, captain; Mary Lynn Johnson, and Paula Tatum. The boys' top five were Skip Singleton, Greg Hobson, Alan Rhoads, captain; David Boning, and Chuck Joyner. With alternates, the tennis team had 15 members plus Coach Marshall.

Center Left: Junior Greg Hobson, the number two man on the team, concentrates on returning the serve. Greg Hobson is rated among the tops in the state this year.

Center Right: Julie Grimmig really packs some force behind her return as you can tell from her expression. Julie is the number two girl on the team this year.

FRONT ROW: Mary Lynn Johnson, Terri Burnett, Lynn Grimmig, Julie Grimmig, George Brown. MIDDLE ROW: Paula Tatum, Skip Singleton, Alan Rhoads, Bill Shipley, Lisa Long, Debbie Anderson. BACK ROW: David Boning, Greg Hobson, and Coach Marshall, the sponsor.

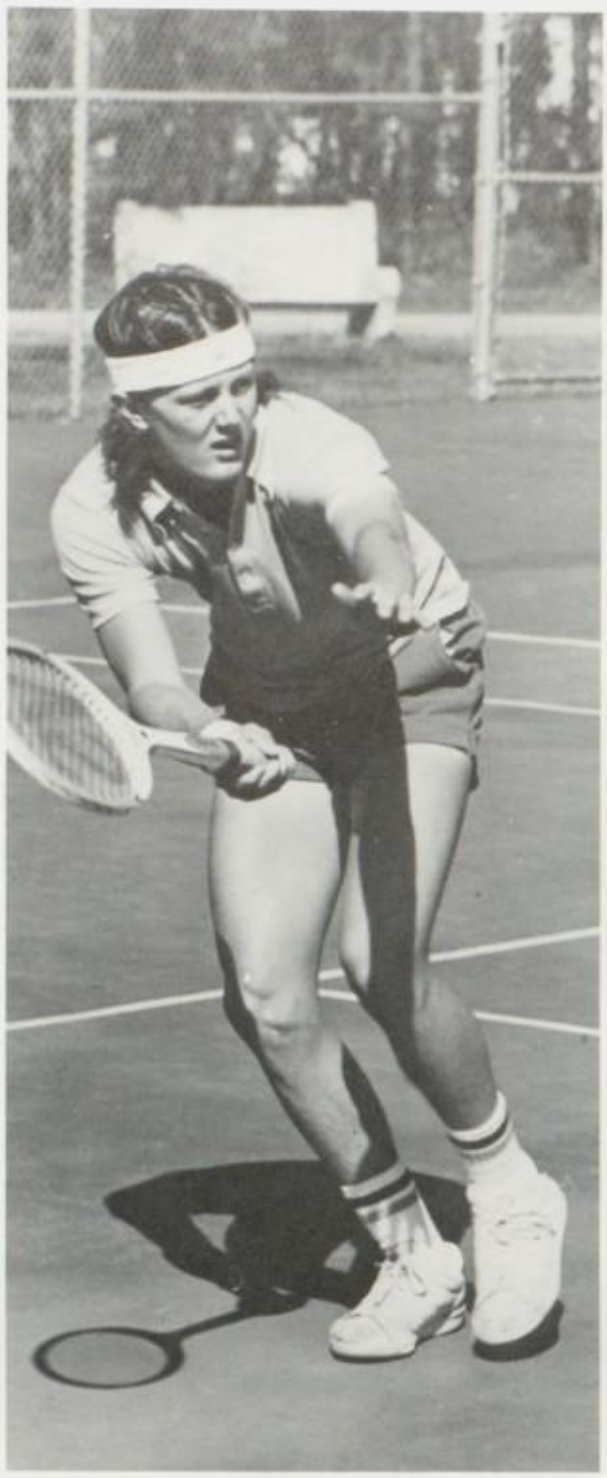
TENNIS

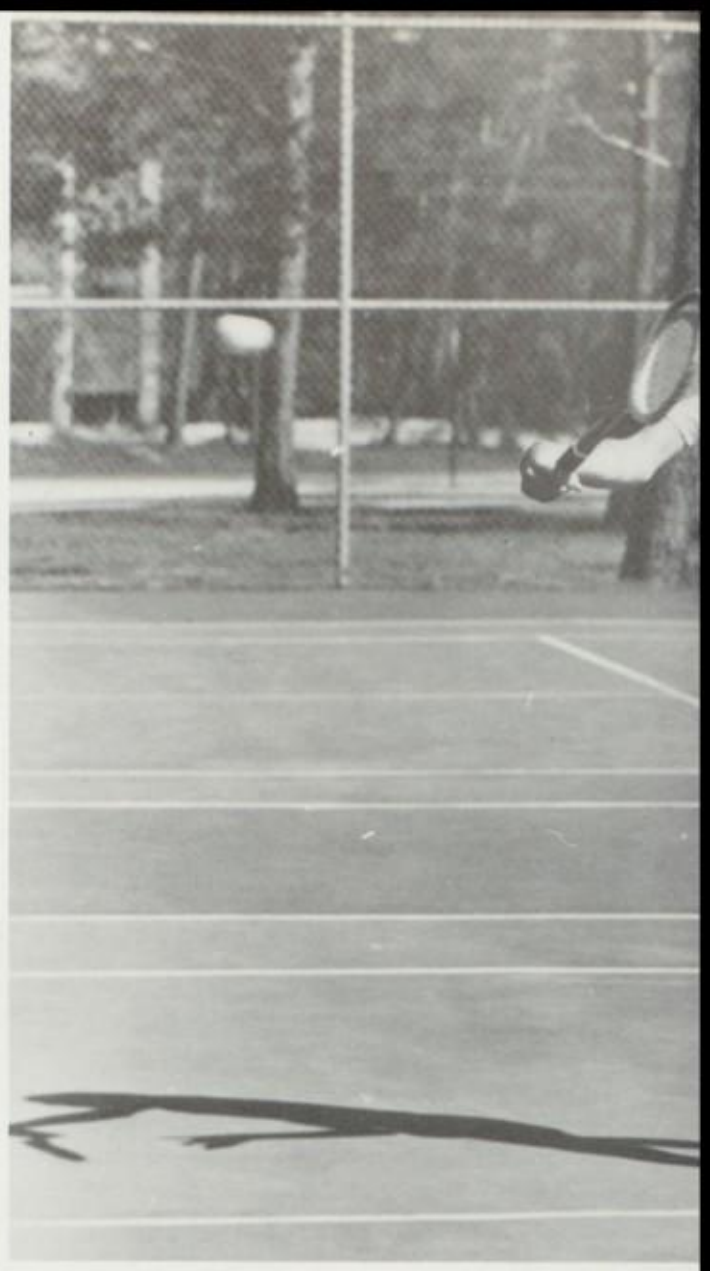


Top Left: Alan Rhoads and David Boning shake hands with their opponents after the game in which they beat them. The boys' team finished 12-0 for the season.

Bottom Left: Bill Shipley returns the ball back over the net and pauses to make sure it is in. Bill was an alternate this season but practiced just like the rest of the team.

Center Right: You can tell from the expressions on the faces of Julie, Skip, Chuck, and Terri how important tennis is. Most of the players practice everyday.





Center Left: Debbie Anderson, Paula Tatum, and Lisa Long take a breather to watch their teammates play. The girls' team this year finished 10-1 for the season.

Top Center: Skip Singleton, number one man on the boys' team really helped the team to place first in the district. Skip is also ranked high in Florida where he competes alone.

Bottom Center: Senior Debbie Anderson is really concentrating on using a powerful backhand and putting that ball back across the net. Debbie is an alternate this year.

Diligent Practice, Long Hours After School All Work Together In Making A Great Team

Throughout Choctaw there are students who are dedicated and participate readily in sports, clubs, and other activities. Some of these people are the students on the tennis team. They must practice every day of every month of the year. They practice wherever they can, all over town, occupying most of the local courts after school. It takes many hours of practice to become good.

Many of the boys on the boys' tennis team also compete individually all the way up to state levels. Even though the boys are not competing for the school they travel together to cut cost and gain moral support. Skip Singleton, Alan Rhoads, and Greg Hobson are ranked among the tops in the state this year.

Top Left: David Boning stretches to make that lob across the net. David was the number four man on the team. David played an important part on the team.

Bottom Left: Junior Mark Todd is ready and waiting for that ball. Mark was an alternate on the team this year but hopes to be in the top five next year.

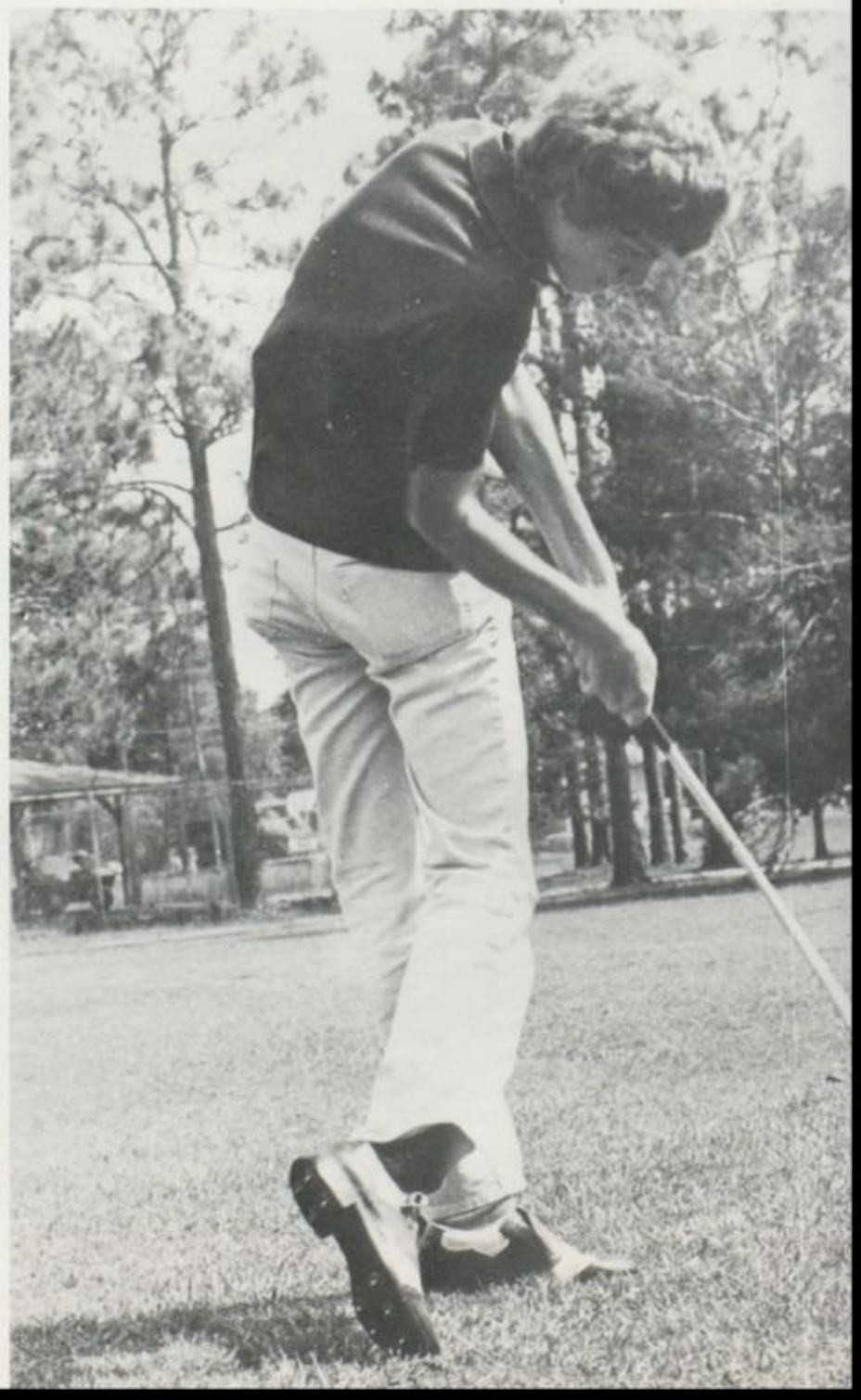
Center Right: Alan Rhoads, captain of the boys' team and number three man on the team, gives some helpful advice to his fellow teammates with the aid of his racket.

GOLF

1976 CHOCTAW GOLF RECORD

(Won 57, Lost 26, Tied Three)

STROKES		PLACE
162	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	1st
158	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	1st
167	Rocky Bayou	2nd
165	Rocky Bayou	3rd
167	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	3rd
160	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	1st
167	Santa Rosa	2nd
159	Rocky Bayou	2nd
189	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	5th
162	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	1st
166	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	3rd
188	Santa Rosa	3rd
176	Seascape	2nd
163	Rolling Greens	1st
317	County Tournament	1st
160	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	1st
164	Fort Walton Beeach Golf Course	3rd
158	Rocky Bayou	2nd
149	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	1st
158	Fort Walton Beach Golf Course	1st
156	Santa Rosa	2nd
166	Santa Rosa	1st
330	District Tournament	7th



Top Center: Matt Stillings and Mark Randalls watch in dismay as an opponent sinks his putt in the final hole. Their hopes for a win in the match sink along with the ball.

Bottom Left: When working with a wood, shots are much more difficult because they require stiffer arms and more controlled contact. Coach Jay Blanchard is helpful.

Bottom Center: A master player knows how to make the best use of his irons. Mark Stillings also makes the most of good form with his follow-through in a swing.

Improved Chipping, Wood Shots Along With Better Putting, Cuts Scores, Wins Matches

This year, Choctaw Golf meant hours of practice at Fort Walton Beach Municipal Golf Course. The ten man team worked out two hours a day, five days a week, each week of the second semester.

The team consisted of two returning seniors — David Manners and Mark Randalls, and one returning junior — Robert Fletcher. The remainder of the golfers tried out at the end of the first semester. Out of a field of 14, seven made the cut.

The team competed in 23 meets, often against two or three other schools simultaneously. This alotted the golfers a chance at opposition with a fairly large range of contenders. It also added a note of professionalism to the matches.

Tournaments were held at Choc's home course — FWB number two. Others took place at the Rolling Greens, Rocky Bayou, Santa Rosa, and Seascape courses. Before playing the team had a qualification the week beforehand, the low four being the competitors.

Bottom Right: The Choc team practices their chipping regularly because it is essential in gaining better placement on the green. Mark Randalls lofts the ball a short distance.

Center Right: Caddying is an extremely important part of golf. Richard Gunnels and all other caddies must be experienced in order to select the correct clubs for their golfer.

Strong Competition Fails To Stop Indians As Team Takes County Championship, 57-26-3

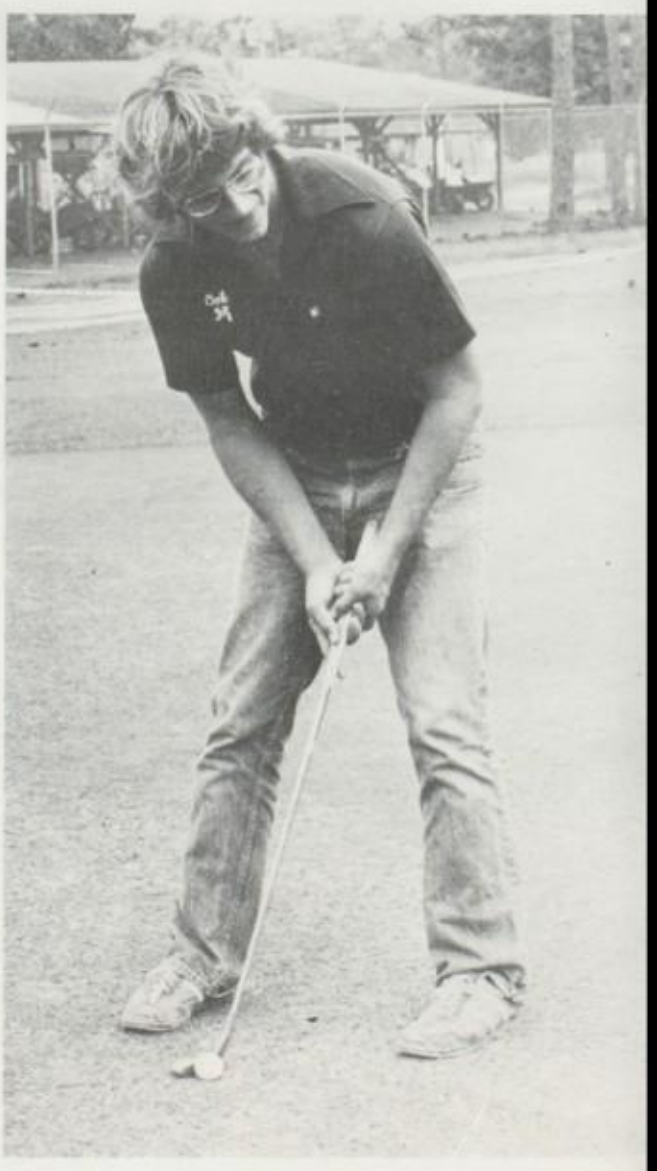
Stroke play was the method of scoring in high school competition. The low scorer from an entire round was the winner. In this manner, the Choctaw team won 57, lost 26, and tied three matches out of the 23 meets in which they competed. With great team effort the golfers captured the county championship.

Choctaw clubs supported their green team with donations of cupcakes on days of matches. Signs were posted throughout the school hoping to boost golfers' spirit.

After the season ended, the team studied golf rules. This was of immense importance to them because of the complexity of the game. A golfer must be aware of the regulations involved in order to play fairly. The only person allowed to call anything against the golfer is himself. In this sense, golf could be considered a gentleman's game.

The team attended a banquet in the spring. Robert Fletcher was named "Most Improved" and David Manners "Most Outstanding."

FRONT ROW: Matt Stillings, Gary Phillips, Jim Ross. BACK ROW: Richard Gunnels, Mark Stillings, Mark Randals, Robert Fletcher, David Manners. NOT SHOWN: Jim Carpenter.



Top Center: Sophomore Jim Ross is one of the eight golfers to letter this season. Putting is an asset for a good player but a major drawback if one has not yet mastered it.

Top Right: Team captain David Manners works on his putting as often as possible. David leads the golfers in the number of meets in which he competed with 19.

Choctaw Golf

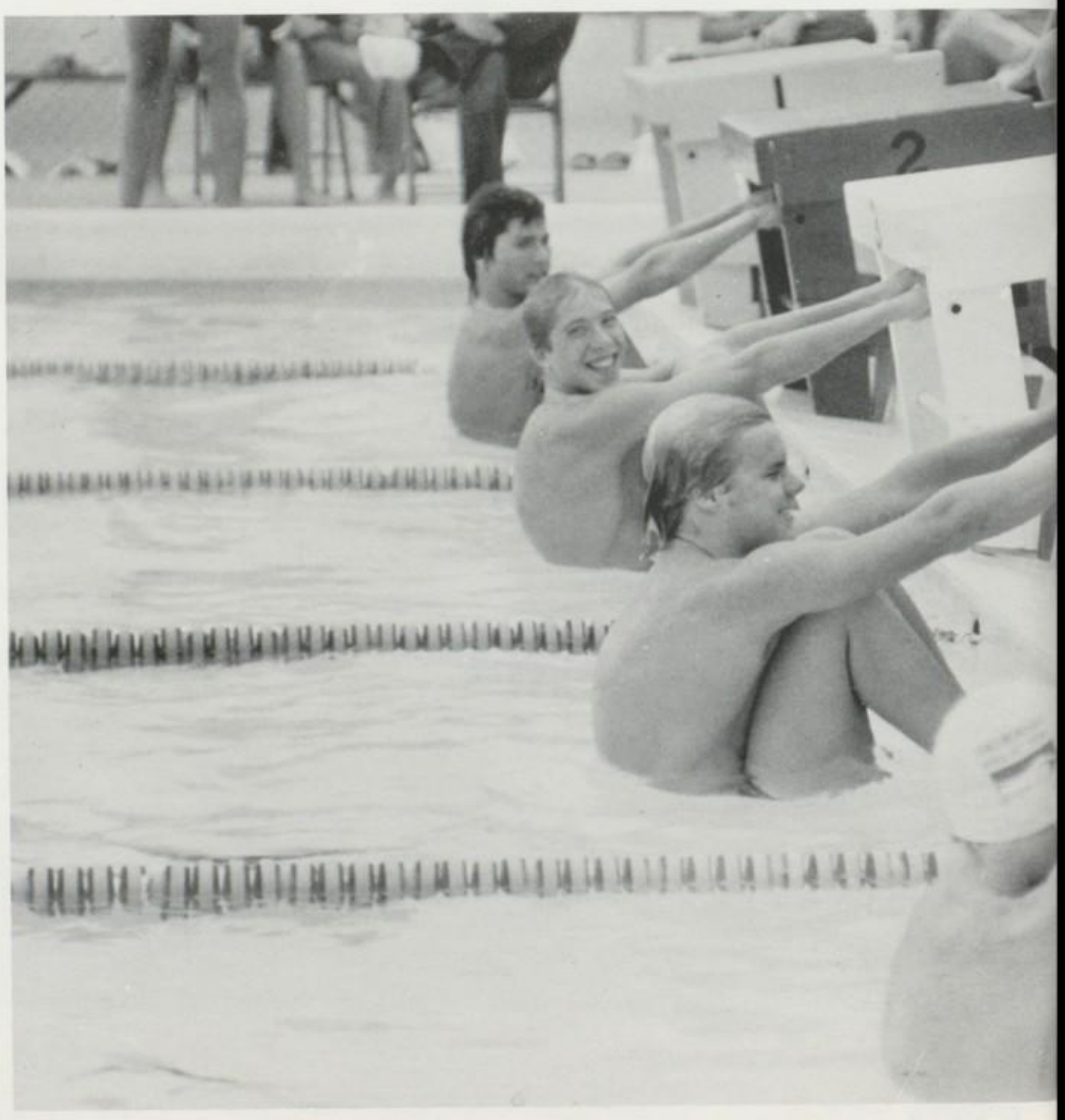
Bottom Left: Robert Fletcher practices his golf religiously. This may explain his ability to shoot par at Eglin and why he is tied with Matt Stillings for low man in the county.

Bottom Center: Gary Phillips excels in golf because of his desire to be good. The game requires tremendous discipline and dedication since you compete against yourself.

Center Right: Choctaw golfers are completely devoted to the game. They endeavor to be the best even amidst the frustration and patience that accompanies the sport.

SWIMMING

FRONT ROW: Sandy Goodall, Pat Boone, Julie Sherwin, Carol Harden, Debbie Dean, girls captain. BACK ROW: Debbie Mathes, Susan Cantan, Cathy Saxer, Lisa Levy, Michelle Van Lier, Susan Whatley are the girl swim team members.



Center Left: A diver must practice diligently if he intends to perform well at the meets. Good extension while in flight adds to the overall quality of the dive.

Bottom Center: False starts are disqualified so swimmers must be well trained in order not to jump the gun. One must be alert, ready to spring into action when the signal sounds.

1976 SWIM RECORD

GIRLS'
(Won 5; Lost 3)

CHOCTAW		OPPONENT
86	Mosley	70
78	Liberal Arts	71
158	N.W. Florida Invitational	254
98	Woodham	56
70	Pensacola Catholic	91
98	Fort Walton Beach	69
1st	District	2nd
3rd	Regionals	1st

BOYS'
(Won 7; Lost 1)

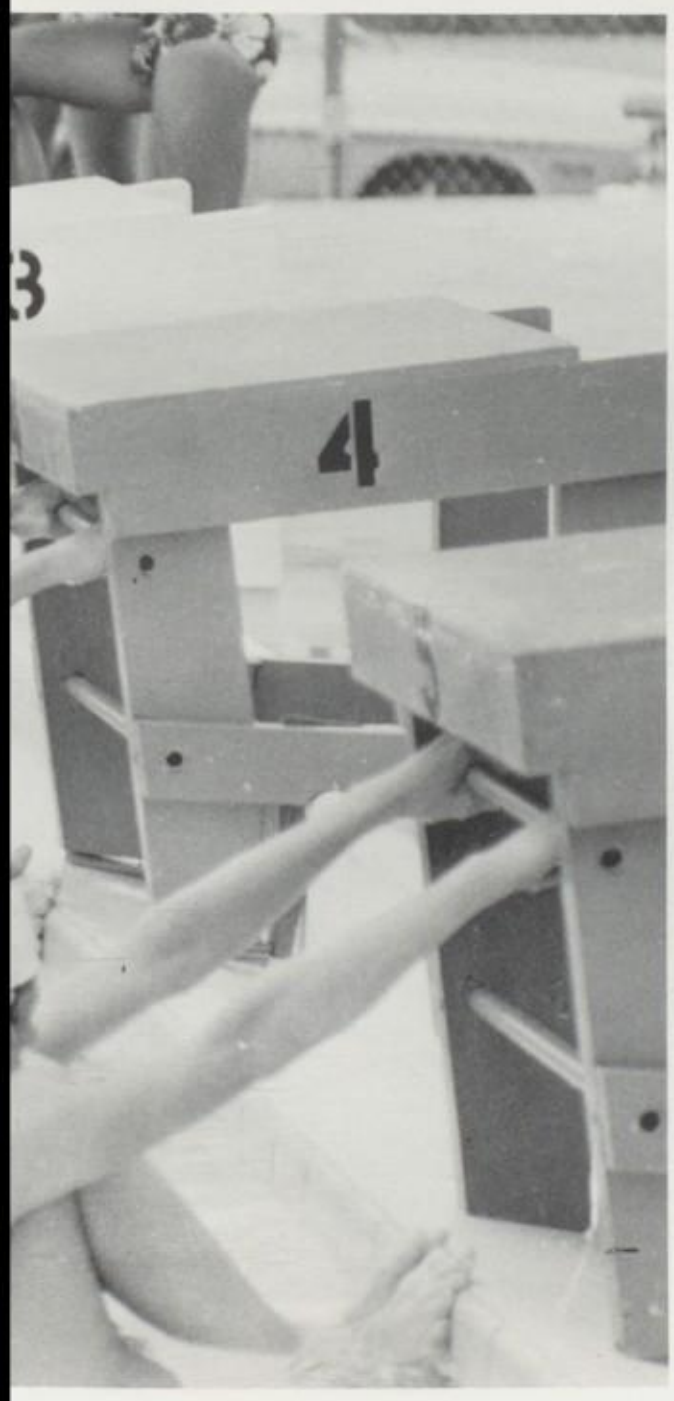
107	Mosley	45
101	Liberal Arts	68
248	N.W. Florida Invitational	—
123	Woodham	41
123	Mobile Military Academy	33
108	Fort Walton Beach	63
1st	District	2nd
2nd	Regionals	1st

Pre-Season Work Pays Off As Big Green Team Wins Class 4A-District Two Title

Choctawhatchee Swim team, boys' and girls', got off to a super start and finished even better by winning the District Championship. The Big Green Fish, in its fourth year, was made up mainly of veteran swimmers returning from last year.

Even though all but two of this year's meets were away, the spirit and enthusiasm remained high. The swimmers and divers traveled to away meets ranging from Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Jacksonville, Florida. Everywhere the Choctaw team went, they chalked up win after win.

To get in shape for the coming meets the swimmers lifted weights and practiced two to four hours a day, five or six days a week at the YMCA pool. Training was scheduled year round. The swimmers gave up hours upon hours of summer vacation and braved chilly winter temperatures. However, when the final meet was over and they were the District Champions, it was worth it.



Center Right: The final few moments before a race begins are the worst. Anticipation and eagerness can be overcome with concentration and last minute loosening up.

Bottom Right: In diving there are two important positions – the tuck and the pike. Perfection of these is essential in competition so that compulsories can be well performed.

Top Left: After a light practice session before a meet, Choctaw swim team members find they have enough energy left over to participate in a super-fun water splash fight.

Top Center: Chris Poschel, Mike Myers, Pat Boone and David Kyle are the CHS students that make-up the diving team. The divers have had an excellent season this year.

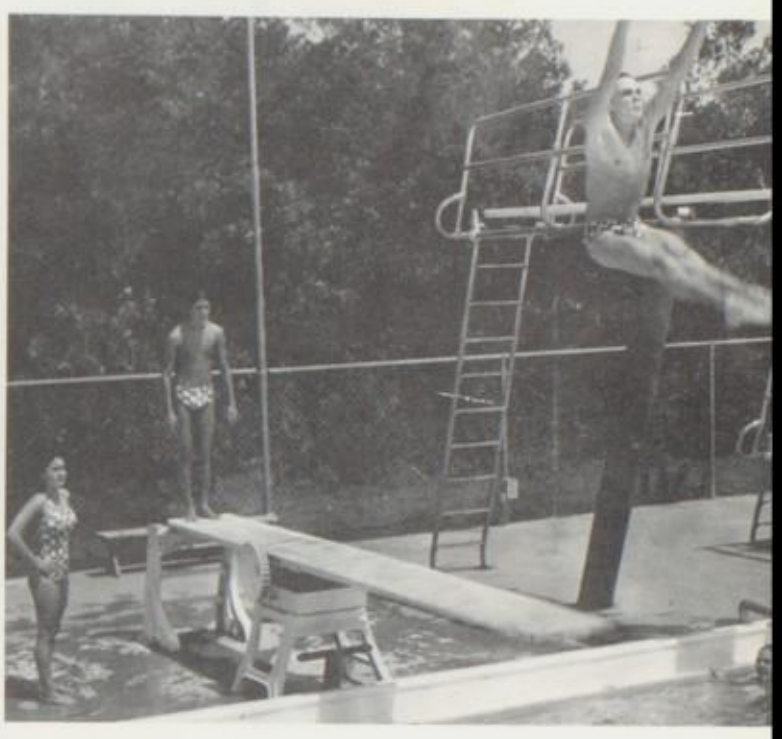
Center Left: Choctaw swimmers help out the area YMCA by scrubbing and painting the pool. The YMCA pool allows the CHS swim team to practice there two times a day.

"Big Green Machine" Receives Honors For County Record Performance Throughout Year

At the Spring Sports Banquet all Swim team members were rewarded a Choctaw letter. Four swimmers received special recognition as the Best and Most Dedicated female and male swimmer. Best Female and Male swimmers were Debbie Dean and Jon Dean, Most Dedicated were Julie Sherwin and Mike Dominiack.

Those swimmers placing highly at the District meet, went on to the State Championship in Fort Lauderdale. The members and Coach Lefebvre spent six days either on the road, practicing or in competition.

Although for the past four years when the team members had to use the YMCA pool for practicing and meets, the back and forth situation could possibly be changed in time for next year's team. The County School Board is thinking about putting in four pools in the various county senior high schools. This would surely save both time and gas for future swim team members.



FRONT ROW: Dean Crane, Joe Reither, Darby Chastain, Jon Dean, Rob Crawford, Dale Folsome, Mike Dominiack, Eric Goodall, Karl Few. SECOND ROW: Greg VanLier, Carlton Tucker, Mark Fitzgerald, Craig Hanson, boys captain, Jack Insome. THIRD ROW: Kirt Schumann, Mark Gordon.

Bottom Center: Choctaw and Fort Walton have always been rivals, even in swimming. As the last lap is being swum, the Big Green Fish overtake the Vikes in the girls' relay race.

Top Right: Balanced muscle control and precise timing are necessary for all divers success. Chris Poschel works out daily in order to perfect his technique.

BASEBALL

FRONT ROW: David Koster, Bobby Cilek, Mike Tisza, Tom Brown, Don Kessler, mgr.; David Fell, Randy Sansom, Tony Frost. BACK ROW: Roger Budd, mgr.; Eric Bush, Keith Dawkins, Tim Thomas, George Roundtree, Craig Harris, Dale Waldorff, Renz Nichols, Kevin Rae, Mike Llewllyn. Not pictured: Don Alonzo and Robbie Fendick.

Bottom Left: Indian managers for this year were Chris Warren, Don Kessler, and Roger Budd. They were important members of the team, they kept everything going smoothly.

Bottom Right: Baseball's coach, Jimmy Mueller seems to be in one of his milder moods during this particular game. Coach Mueller was optimistic this baseball season.

Great Ambitions, Realistic Dreams And Hard Work Earn Indians Second Spot In District

This year's participation on the baseball team was very typical of the other athletic activities in Choctaw. It was a young team. Fourteen out of the twenty players were juniors and sophomores. Regardless of this slight setback, the Choctaw Nine pulled through with a fairly good baseball season.

Coach Jimmy Mueller was highly optimistic this season and with an excellent reason. The pitchers this year were Mike Tisza, a senior, and Keith Dawkins, a sophomore. Leading hitters were Mike Llewellyn with a .348 batting average followed by David Fell with a .280; both were juniors. Don Alonzo and Robbie Fendick led off for the seniors with even .200 batting averages.

The team's hopes were high with the prospect of winning the conference and going to district tournaments. These same hopes were crushed when the Indians lost 2-5 against a strong Leon team.

Top Left: Sliding into home trying to add to the score, George Roundtree takes half of the dirt around the plate with him, while the Rams were waiting more than ready for him.

Bottom Left: Don Alonzo shows his worthiness of being first baseman as he makes a fantastic catch against our cross town rivals, the Ft. Walton Beach Vikings.

Bottom Right: Waiting for the Choctaw wind-up a Ram seems to be anxious for the arrival of the ball so, hopefully, he would get a crack at the Choctawhatchee outfield.

Top Left: Don Alonzo makes an excellent catch against a Leon Lion. Although this game lost the Indians the district title it proved they were not pushovers.

Bottom Left: The Tribe had a good ball club, offensively. Shown here, Don Alonzo wasn't exactly swinging up to his batting average as he takes a slice at the ball and misses.

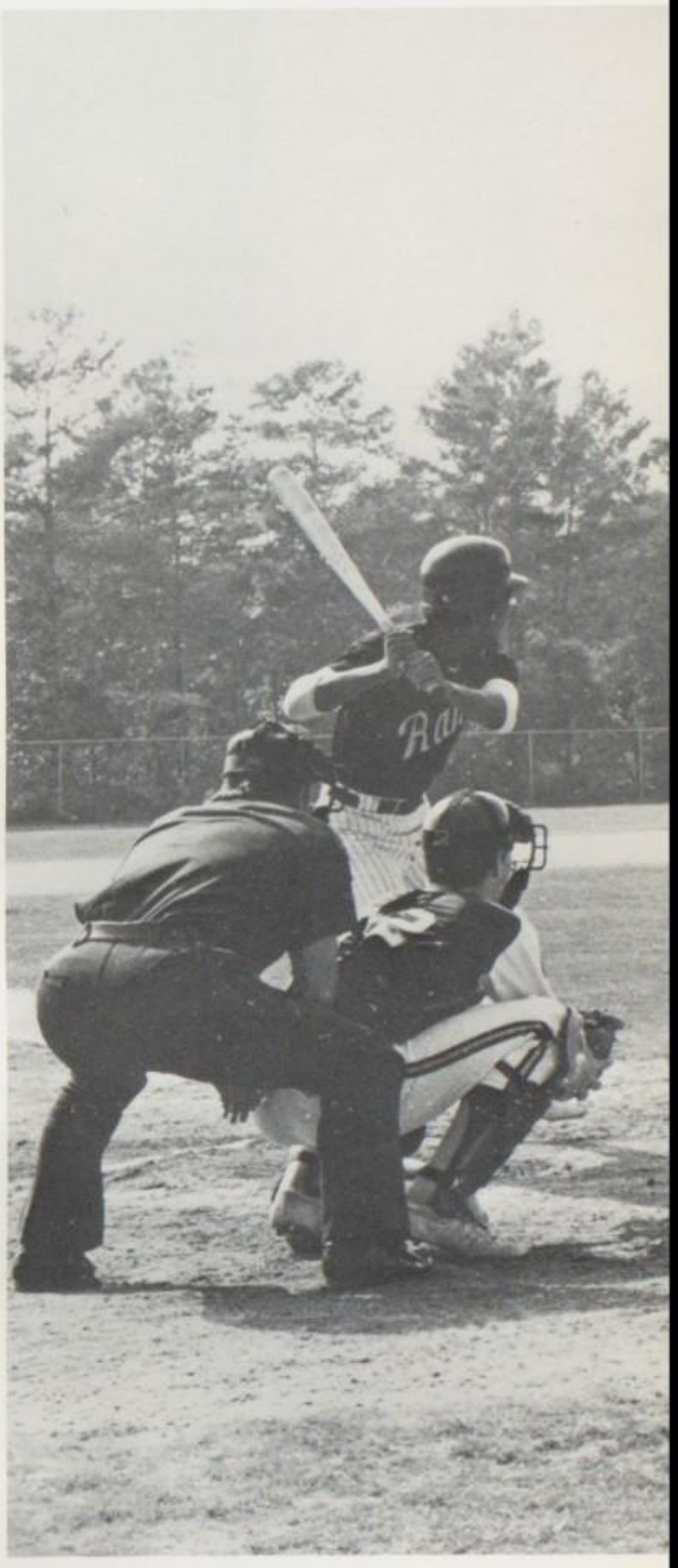
Top Right: Bobby Cilek swings at a ball thrown across the plate by the Rutherford Rams' pitcher. The tension at the Rams' game was very obvious to the fans.

Inexperienced, Yet Spirited Team; New Coach Take Runner-Up Trophy In District Contests

The newly aroused enthusiasm for spring sports this year clearly hit the baseball field. A great deal of the Choctaw cheering section consisted of a regular crowd of student baseball fans. The Big Green Booster Club charged admission to the games and sold season tickets, but most of the attending students entered by way of the broken fence on the left side of the field. This type of participation is encouraging for the players, but it doesn't help pay for the badly needed equipment.

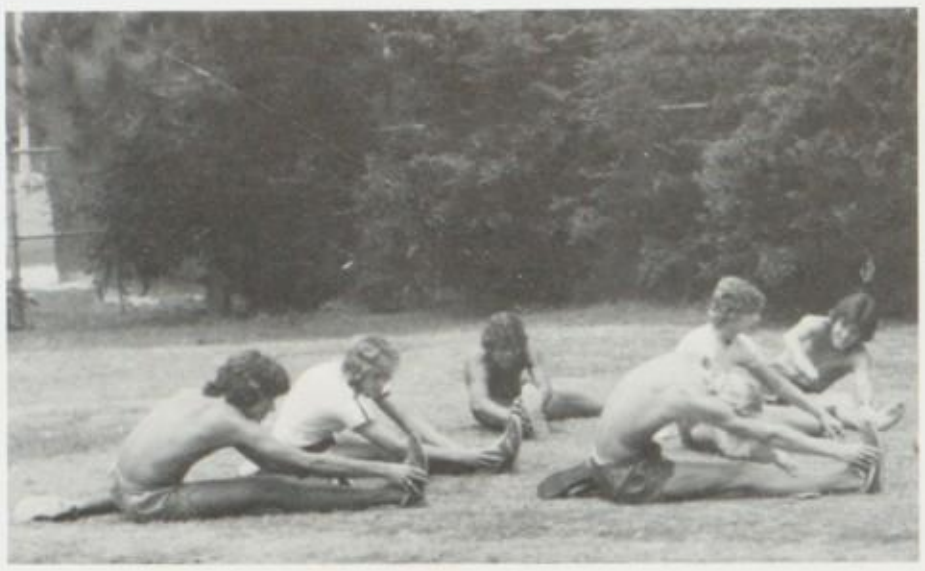
The dedicated team took advantage of every opportunity to practice, including on the bus trip to an away game. With pillow in hand, team members took their turns trying to improve their averages.

In April, a touring baseball team from Kentucky challenged the Indians to a non-district game on the Tribe's own diamond. The Choctaw Nine were anticipating a good game when a downpour of rain threatened to cancel the confrontation. The rain let up and the game was continued with the Indians defeating Kentucky 9-5. The Indians were the only city baseball team to conquer the touring Kentucky team.



Botton Center: George Roundtree shows excellent batting form at home plate. The umpire watches intensely, as always, but in this particular game it was even more important.

Top Right: The Indians had a rough time with the Rams on the defensive end. Their spirit was dampened, but only slightly, when the Rams showed up with an older ball team.



Anticipated Repeat Of '75 Fails To Materialize; Three Members Qualify For State Competition

"This team had the potential to be first or second in the District this year." This statement by the coach, Richard Westbrook, related the hopes and the disappointment of the '76 track team. With a majority of returning runners, a victorious season and another trip to State competition was expected from the first meet of the year.

January 5 brought the beginning of practice. The twelve returning lettermen felt their toughest competition would come from Pensacola HS, Godby and Leon. With a schedule of nearly 15 meets the team found fierce and spirited competition both in and out of the District.

After three months the team finished third in 4-A District one competition and fifth in Region one play, a poorer finish than was expected by coach and players.

In State competition at Winter Park, Choctaw had three respectable finishers. Derek Hanks took eighth place in the mile run; Steve Haug placed tenth in the two mile contest; and Jody Henderson ranked fifteenth in the 220 yard dash.

Top Left: The Track team has invented a new dance "doin' the hurdles." Done to the music of Westbrook's whistle, these warm-ups have made them the best "hoofers on the block."

Bottom Left: Even as a coach, Richard Westbrook tries to keep in shape by running about twenty-five miles per day. Coaching Choctaw's girls' and boys' Track teams helps.

Bottom Center: False starts have disqualified many runners in District and State competition. Spare time is spent practicing coming out of blocks to correct this problem.

The '76 Track Team: FRONT ROW: Steve Haug, John McCormac, Lynn Hinton, Mark Stone, Mike Clay. SECOND ROW: Derek Hanks, John Alexander, Ken Ledford, Eric Printice. THIRD ROW: Jim Parrish, Jeff Bauer, Fred LaRoche, James Little, Greg Boyd, Tom Prettyman, Tom Kidder. BACK ROW: Ronnie Godwin, Alonzo Boston, Phillip Green, John Cherniga, Miles Valentine, Dan Riley, Woody Barnes, Mike Curtis, John Powell, shown with the first place Kiwanis trophy.

TRACK

1976 TRACK RECORD

Points		Place
100	Crestview	1st
57	Big Five Relays	4th
56	Pensacola	2nd
18	North Florida Relays	7th
57	Fort Walton Beach	2nd
62	Capital City Inv.	2nd
26	Trojan Invitational	7th
38	Pensacola News Inv.	8th
70	Niceville Relays	1st
57	District	3rd
57	Region	5th

Top Center: "Speed and timing are nothing without form;" this is the hurdlers' motto. Steve Albright may not be Rudolph Nereyev, but his form is an example of CHS's best.

The members of the '75-'76 Girls' Track team were: ASCENDING: Becky Boning, Rhonda Bentley, Lisa Filion, Nancy McCormac, Becky Seeger, Becky Kantner, Olivia Stovall, Carolyn Spears, Mary Moore, Jodi Starkell, Tracie Gold, Carol Harden and Charlene Turner. Entering nearly ten local, District and State meets, these ladies have distinguished themselves as fine athletes.

Nancy McCormac Brings Home Mile Trophy For State Win In Class 4A Competition

In its second year as an acknowledged sport, the girls' track team carried 14 girls from all three grades. These girls participated in many of the same events as did the men's team. Practice began on January 5, 1976. The team prepared for competition in five different meets. Working with Coach Richard Westbrook and the men's team the girls went through a practice schedule much the same as the boys' program. After finishing ninth in the Trojan Invitational, the girls were sparked and took fifth place at the Pensacola News Journal Invitational. In competition before district, the runners gave it that extra bit and took second in the Niceville Relays. At District I Choctaw girls placed third, and B. Seeger, Carol Hardin, and Nancy McCormac qualified for state. Nancy McCormac took first place in the mile at State.

1976 CHOCTAW GIRLS' TRACK RECORD

Points		Place
60	Niceville	2nd
40	Rutherford	4th
20	Pensacola News Journal Inv.	7th
11	Trojan Invitational	9th
56	District	3rd
10	State	15th

Center Left: One event which Choctaw's team has had great success with is relay. Rhonda Bentley receives the baton and starts out on her leg of the relay in practice.

Top Left: Pulled hamstring muscles have often caused runners to lose races. Nancy McCormac does a combination of stretches to prevent such problems.

Bottom Center: On a make-shift practice field behind the industrial arts shop, Becky Seeger practices the running long jump. Her best effort won fifteenth place at State.

Our founding fathers dreamed of a nation free of oppression, conceived in liberty, representative of the common man's wishes, and "endowed by its Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." America's Bicentennial celebration commemorates the beliefs of these men and the courage they possessed in demanding freedom from an unjust sovereignty.

Will Rogers once stated, *"We may elevate ourselves but we should never reach so high that we would ever forget those who helped us get there."* Choctawhatchee proudly salutes our nation's great heritage and those directly responsible for its great achievements — the American people.

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Top Center: The "Stars and Stripes" is the most popular name given to the U.S. National flag, which represents the land, people, government, and the ideals of the United States.

Top Left: "The Spirit of '76" is a famous painting by Archibald M. Willard, which began as a funny sketch called "Yankee Doodle" and changed to a painting with a serious theme.

Bottom Left: The United States Capitol, whose cornerstone was laid in 1793, was burned by the British in 1812. It has many interesting attractions, including the President's Room.

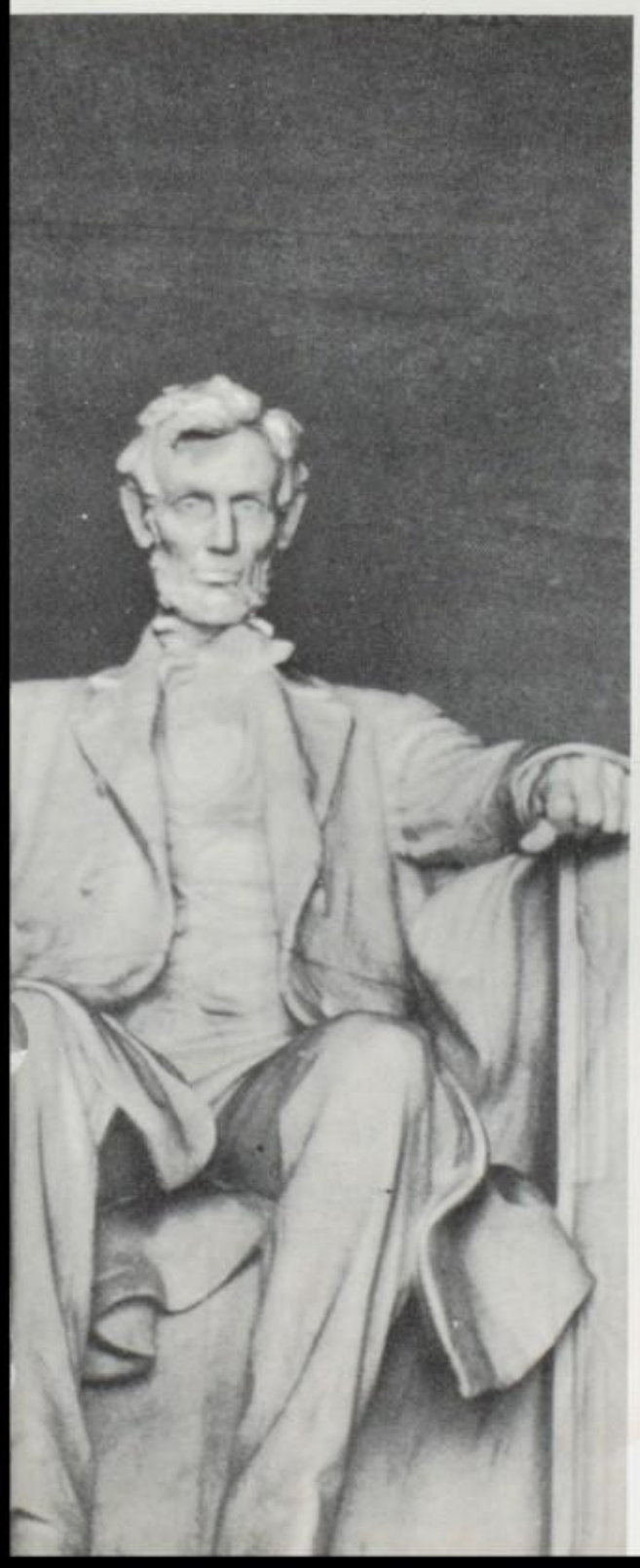
Bottom Center: The Lincoln Statue, which is situated in the center hall of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., is an immense sculptured figure by Daniel Chester French.

1776-1976: Nation's 200th Birthday Celebrated By Thousands Of Communities Across America

The Bicentennial — the celebration of America's 200th birthday. The 200th anniversary commemoration took place everywhere throughout the U.S. Thousands of communities formed Bicentennial headquarters from which the special activities for their area were planned. Unlike the Centennial Exposition of 1876 in Philadelphia, there was no single focal point.

Most of the Bicentennial activities that took place around the U.S. were organized around three national themes developed by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration — Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76.

Through Heritage '76, Americans sought to learn more of our form of government, the three documents which enable us to celebrate, the history of our great nation, and the forgotten people which made us what we are today. Parades, dances, and other special events were forms of Festival USA, where the spirit of celebration prevailed throughout America. Improvement projects, health programs, and other ideas that shaped the way for tomorrow constituted the theme Horizons '76.



Bottom Right: The signing of the Declaration of Independence is but one of the many significant events which play an important part in the attainment of freedom by the U.S.

Florida Celebrates With Varied Activities, Blazes Trail Through It's 450 Year History

As Florida celebrated America's Bicentennial, there were as many varied activities as the people and cities which make up the Sunshine State. Several activities were full of festivity and merriment making up the theme Festival USA, while the other activities took on a more serious and lasting approach. These projects dealt with the remaining two themes, Heritage '76 and Horizons '76.

One of the state-wide projects included a Bicentennial Wagon Train pilgrimage to Pennsylvania. Authentic replicas of Conestogas and Prairie Schooners were drawn by horses over trails and small roads from Polk City, Florida, to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, retracing our country's expansion.

Florida also had a Bicentennial Trail which covered its 450-year history, and showed Florida's history in relation to that of America. The Florida Bicentennial Trail had 52 sites, beginning at the Fort Walton Temple Mound and ending at the Kennedy Space Center.

Aside from the state-wide activities, many local projects made the Florida Celebration a success.

Bottom Left: A St. Petersburg woman converses with a booth salesman as she decides whether or not to buy some Lebanese meat at the St. Petersburg Ethnic Folk Festival.

Bottom Center: This sketch is typical of the illustration that represents the spirit of the Bicentennial Celebration prevailing across Florida and the United States.

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Top Center: To help celebrate the 200th birthday of the U.S., the St. Petersburg Bicentennial Committee organized an Ethnic Folk Festival with various booths and live music.

Top Right: The Bicentennial Symbol is derived from the stars, stripes, and colors of the U.S. flag. A double star is formed by the continuous red, white, and blue stripes.

Bottom Right: Floods of spectators stream from one booth to another as they are entertained by various singing groups at the Ethnic Folk Festival held in early April.

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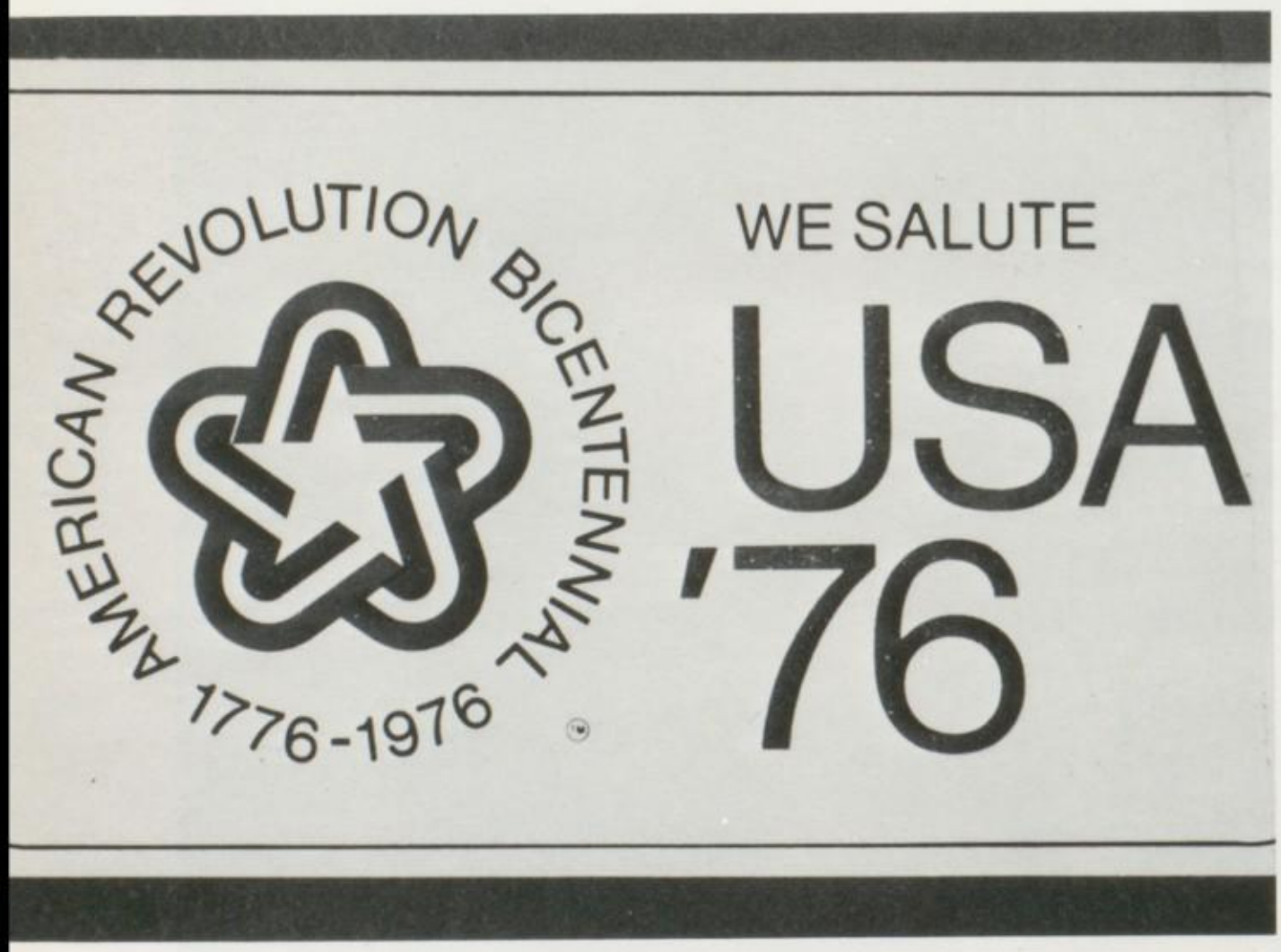
Fort Walton Participates In Various Activities As "Most Patriotic City In The United States"

Throughout the United States, the local community projects were what made the National Bicentennial Celebration the great success that it was. It was noted in the Congressional Record that Fort Walton Beach was the "Most Patriotic City" in the United States.

Many activities took place in southern Okaloosa County at which Horizon '76 projects were prominent. American flags were erected throughout the city, landscaping was done, fire hydrants were painted red, white, and blue, buildings restored, and clean-ups organized by school clubs in keeping with the Bicentennial Celebration. However, the largest project taken on by the city was attaining the Bicentennial Statue, which was estimated to have cost around $20,000.

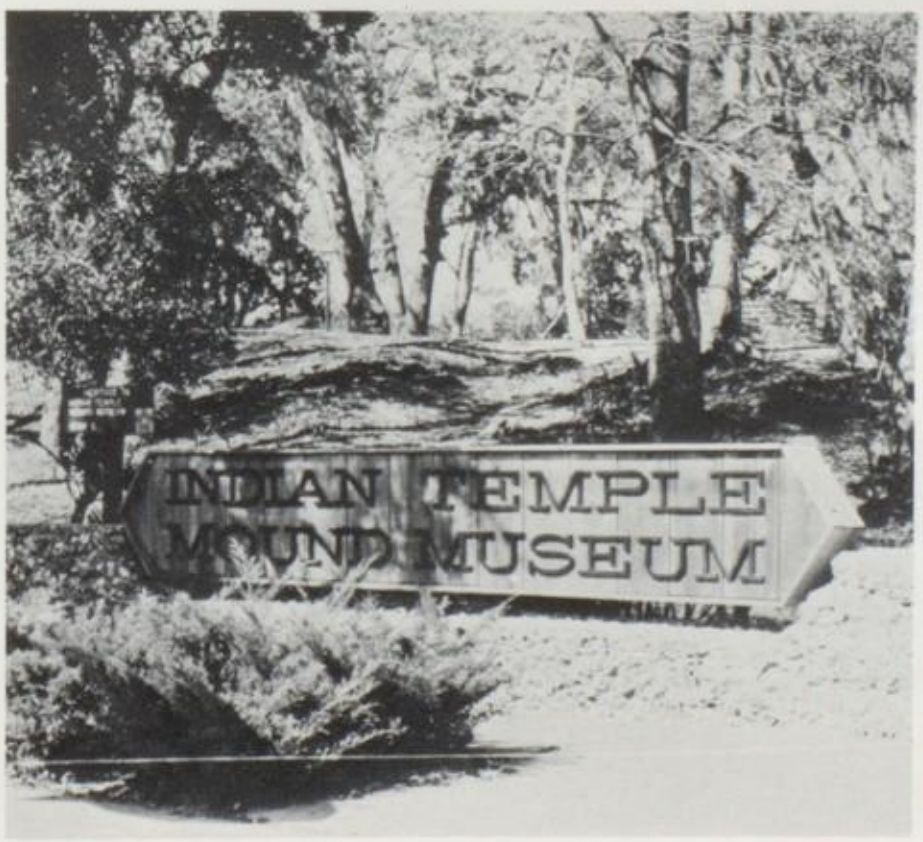
Fort Walton also participated in Festival USA activities, which included Bicentennial plays, dances, and parades. One local radio station, WNUE, took an active part in the celebration. It converted an old VW into the "Bicentennial Buggy," through which thousands of dollars were given away to WNUE listeners. WNUE also broke a world record this year by broadcasting for a total of twelve hours underwater!



Bottom Left: Florida drivers display their Bicentennial spirit with eventful license plates which commemorate the Bicentennial Celebration in the United States.

Bottom Center: Two sun-loving Floridians enjoy sailing along Poquito Bayou as they exhibit their Bicentennial spirit in their "Stars and Stripes" sails.

Top Center: The famous painting by Archibald M. Willard, "The Spirit of '76", becomes a commemorative Bicentennial Statue by the efforts of community clubs.



Top Right: Vicky Scherer holds the ten dollar bill given to her by Gabby Bruce, a WNUE disc-jockey who is one of the drivers of the WNUE "Bicentennial Buggy".

Bottom Right: The Fort Walton Beach Indian Temple Mound is the first of the 52 sites comprising the Florida Bicentennial Trail which represents 450 years of Florida history.

Choctawhatchee Clubs Take An Active Part In Making The 1976 Celebrations A Success

As the Bicentennial came and went, Choctawhatchee High School did its share in celebrating the 200th birthday of the United States. Many of the clubs at Choctawhatchee were actively involved in the Bicentennial by participating in community projects. Such clubs as Jr. Tri-Hi-Y and Keyettes enhanced the beauty and Bicentennial Spirit of our city by painting the fire hydrants red, white, and blue, Many clubs also participated in the median clean-up sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. The main objective of the clubs, however was to give financial aid to the city of Fort Walton Beach for the erection of the Bicentennial Statue. Clubs held car washes, window washes, and many other different types of moneymaking projects to help raise the needed money for the Bicentennial Statue.

Top Center: Donnie Atwood, a Choctaw art student, displays his own artist's conception of "The Spirit of '76" using the well-known characters from Walt Disney.

Top Right: At the cost of $20,000, the erection of the Spirit of '76 Bicentennial Statue is a major event for Fort Walton Beach. Resting on a 11' x 14 x 4 base, it is 20' high.

Center Right: Tri-Hi-Y member Debbie Hinton works hard at a Saturday morning window-wash at the newly-built Santa Rosa Mall. Money earned is donated to the Statue fund.

Opposite Page: Roy Bertram, Carl Sconnely, and Mike Clay depict "The Spirit of '76" on the Choctaw float which won first place in the preview parade for "God Bless America Day".

Bottom Center: Jr. Tri-Hi-Y members Vicky Scherer and Debbie Hinton spread the Bicentennial spirit throughout Fort Walton by painting a fire hydrant red, white, and blue.

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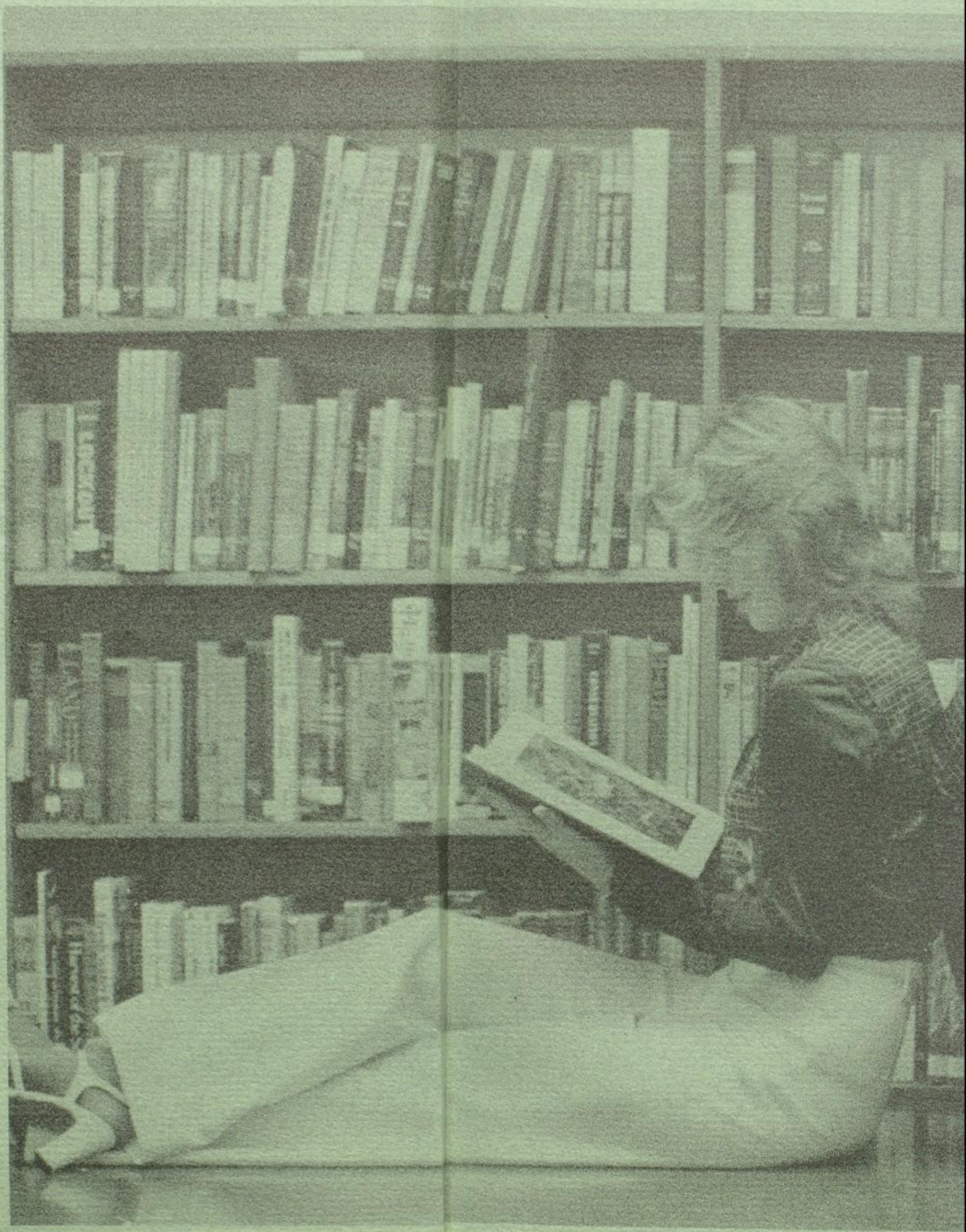
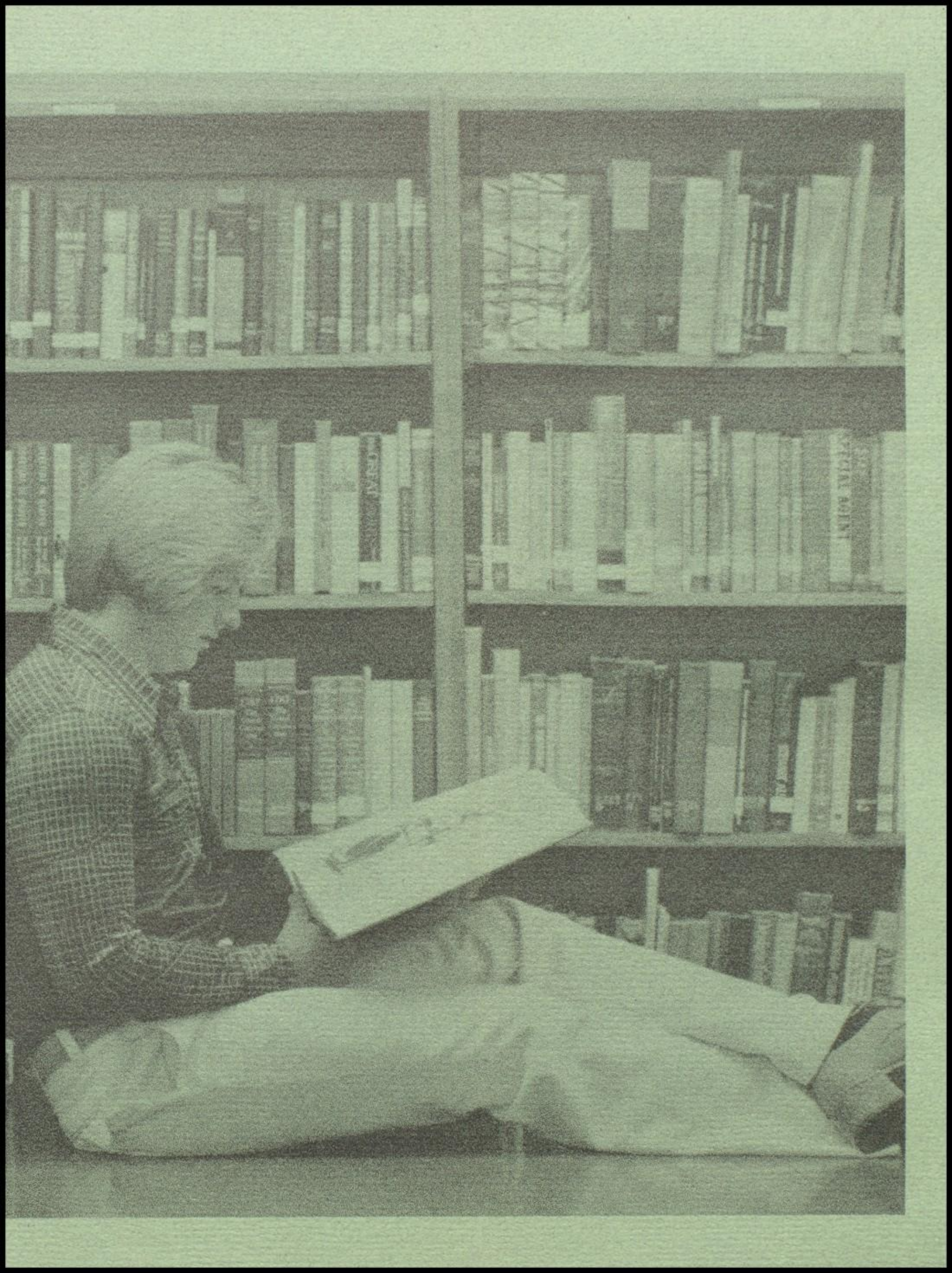
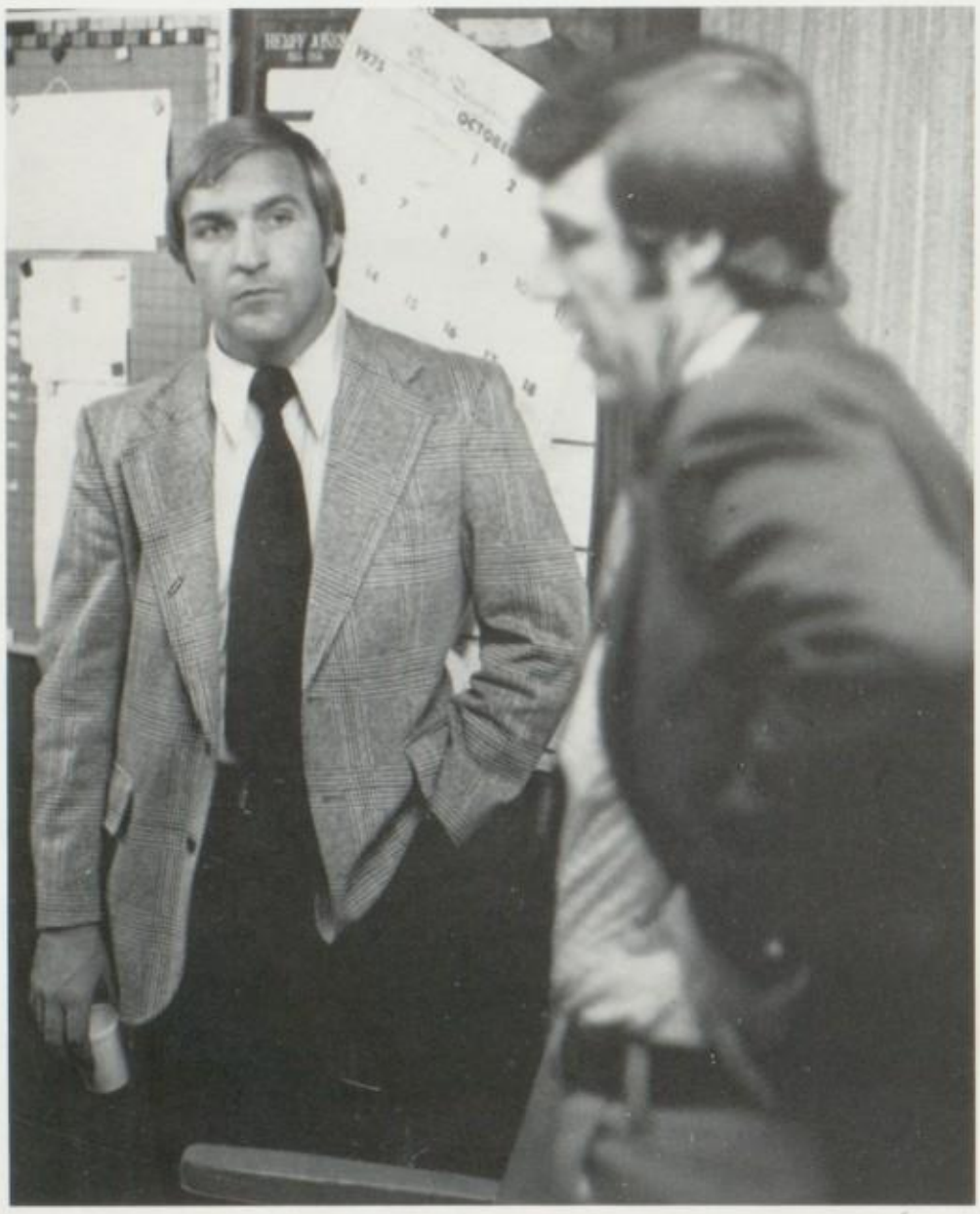




Knowledge, attained through the structured learning process involving textbooks, lectures, and rudimental exercises, is stored in our minds to serve as the foundation for future personal learning. This basis represents the scholastic "face" of Choctawhatchee, the educational phase of our growth and maturation in high school. A combination of CURRICULUM, FACULTY, and ADMINISTRATION makes this section worthy of esteem, and prompts students to respect the past from which this learning was obtained.

Top Center: Mr. Ben Brown's leadership has brought Choctawhatchee a long way. Aside from being principal, Mr. Brown devotes his time to teaching psychology.

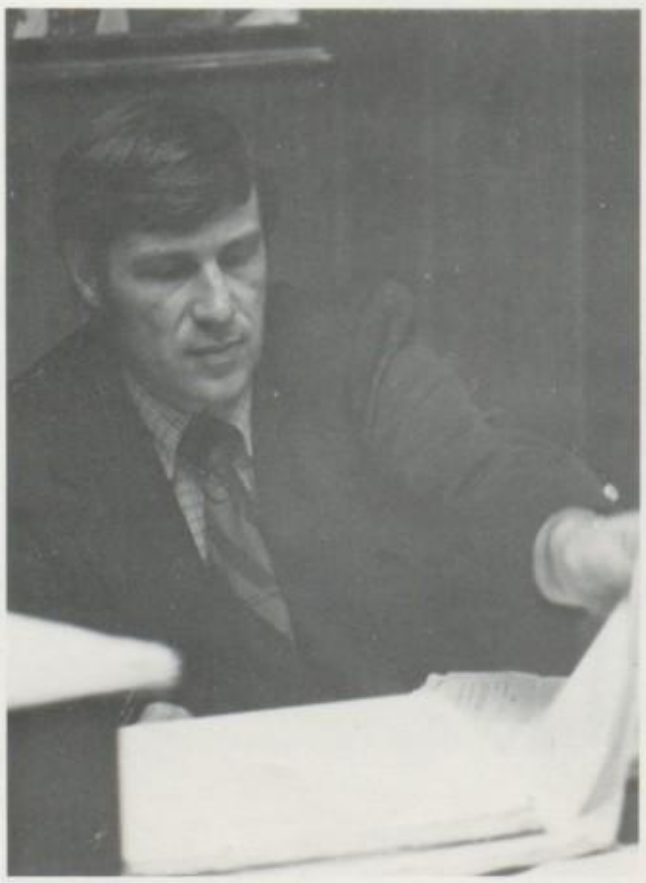
Top Left: Daily conferences between Mr. Bounds and Mr. Wright help to insure agreement on attendance policies. Mr. Bounds came to Choctaw from Pryor two years ago.



Bottom Left: Acting as director of student records and attendance, Mr. Jim Wright compiles thousands of statistics daily to insure proper education funding.

Bottom Center: Retiring Mr. Nied gratefully balances his final load of student scheduling. Mr. Nied handles registration, records, textbook distribution, and scheduling.

Bottom Right: Mr. Virgil Moon brings years of experience to the job of assistant principal. He deals primarily with student activity problems at Choctawhatchee.



Administrators Operate Complex Organization

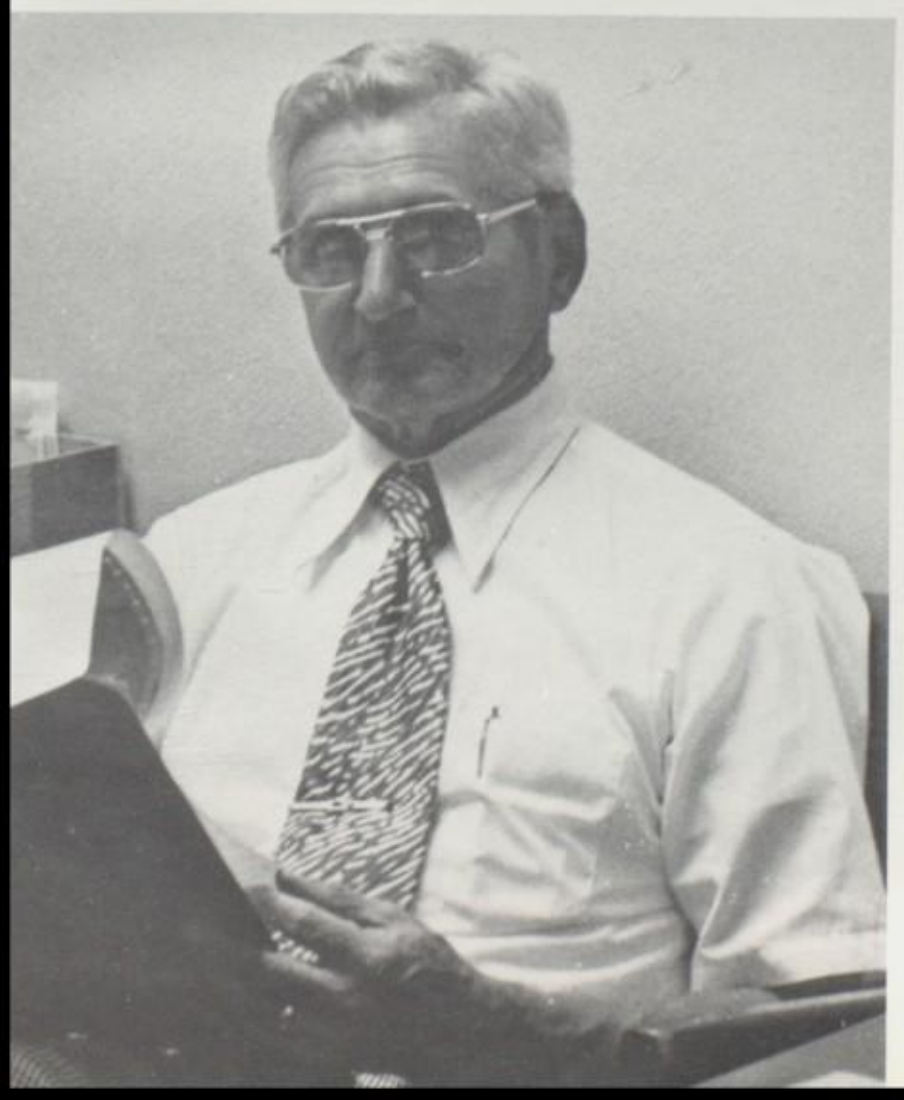
In any organization there are some people upon whom the burden of final decision making falls. At Choctaw, that responsibility falls onto the shoulders of Mr. Ben Brown.

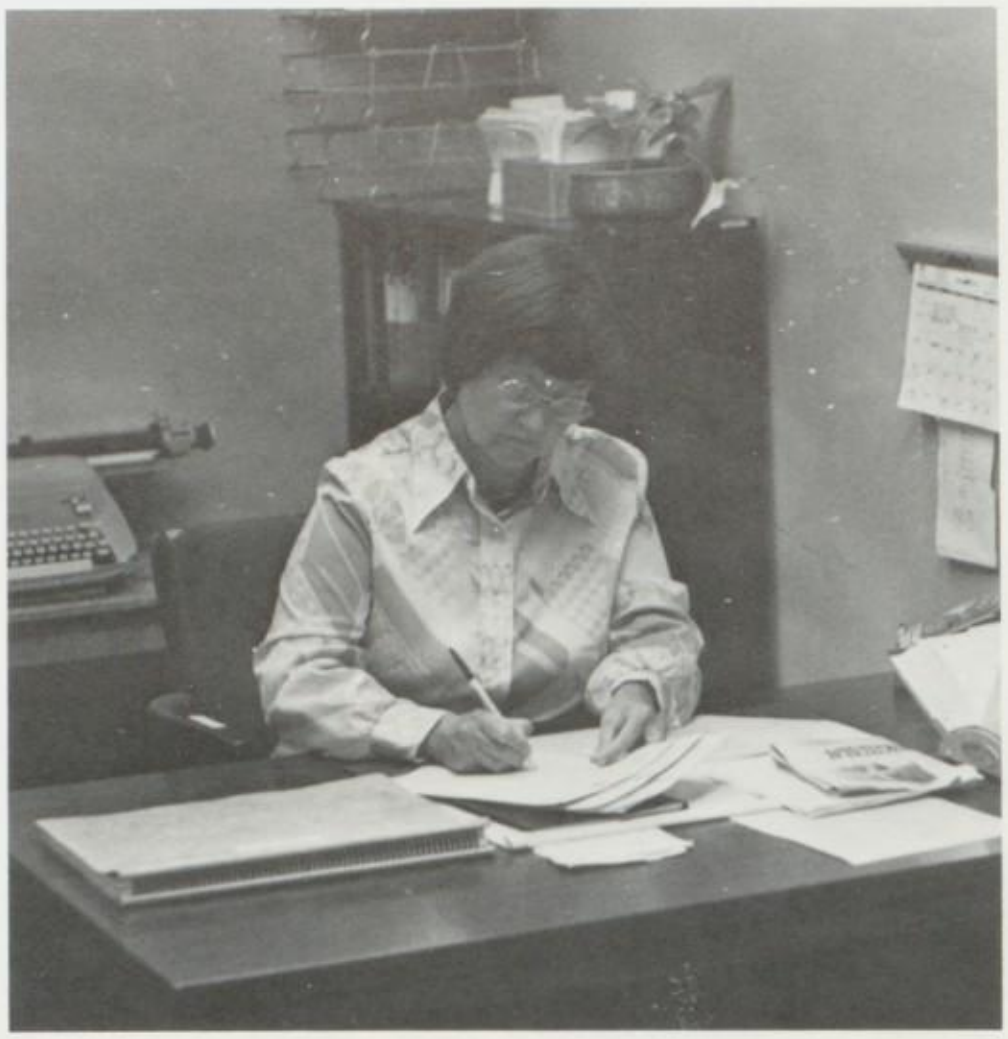
Mr. Brown came to us in January 1974, making this his second full year as principal at Choctaw. He found his job an honor and enjoyed working with the staff and students of CHS. Under his leadership, Choctaw has been recognized by schools as far away as Miami.

Although Mr. Brown has been a good principal, he could not do everything by himself. He was assisted in his leadership by three assistant principals and one Dean of Students.

After serving 13 years as an administrator, Mr. George Nied had been in charge of the computerized data and operations, which ranged from registration to the selling of football tickets. Choctaw is sorry to see him go.

Mr. Virgil Moon, in his third year at CHS, took care of student affairs and activities. Mr. Richard Bounds usually handled only discipline and behavior problems. However, upon Mr. Jim Wright's retirement into private business, he took over. Mr. Bounds left the discipline department to become the supervisor of detentions, suspensions, attendance records and expulsions.





Top Left: Mrs. Peterson, junior counselor, reminds students of graduation requirements. Students must occasionally sacrifice interest courses for ones granting credits.

Top Right: The CHS Guidance Department staff consists of: Mrs. Joan Groom, sec.; Mrs. Midge Peterson, Mrs. Claire Reinhold, Mr. John Gordon, and Mr. John Melton.

Bottom Center: Former coach John Melton became the sophomore counselor temporarily in the fall. At semester break, he deserted the ship and moved to FWBHS.

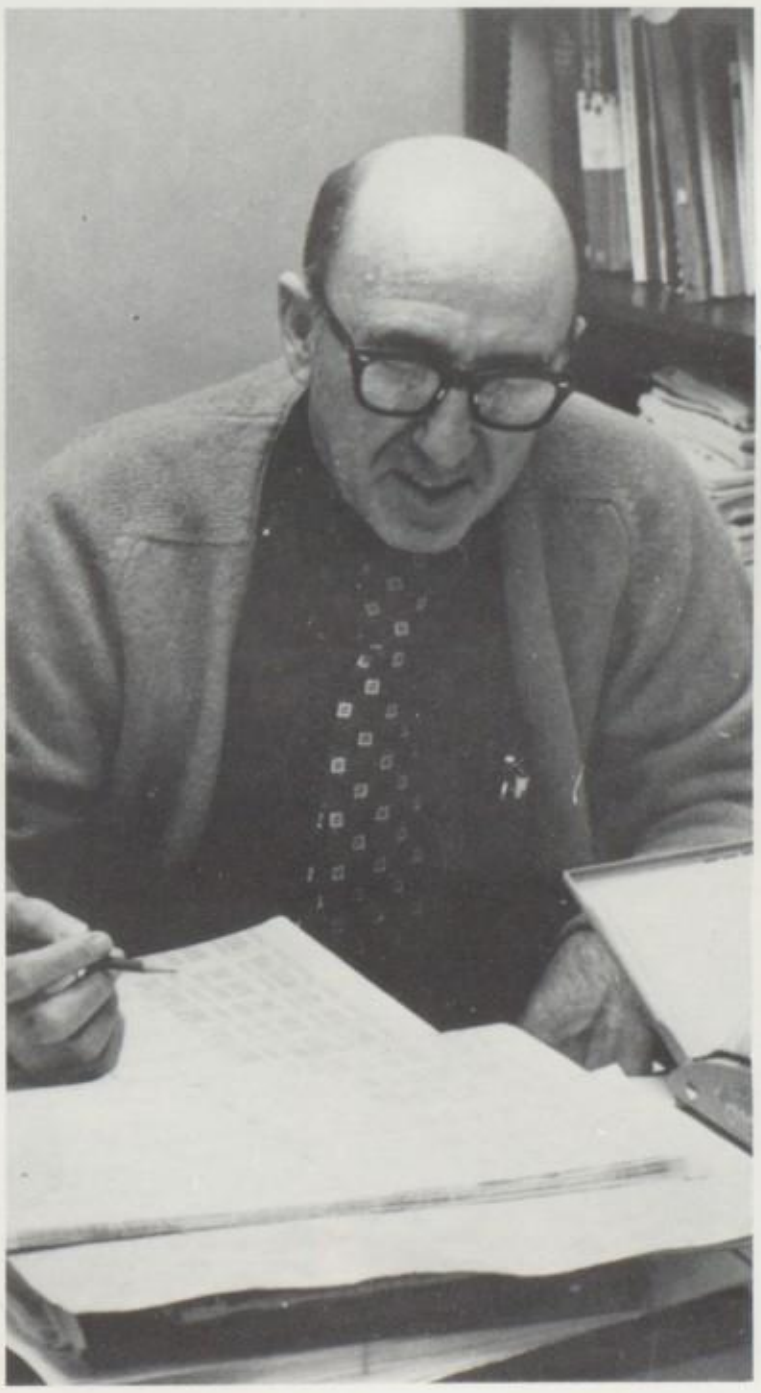
Bottom Left: Problems with transcripts and other guidance records are dealt with by Mrs. Grooms. In her spare time, she fills in for counselors who find themselves teaching.

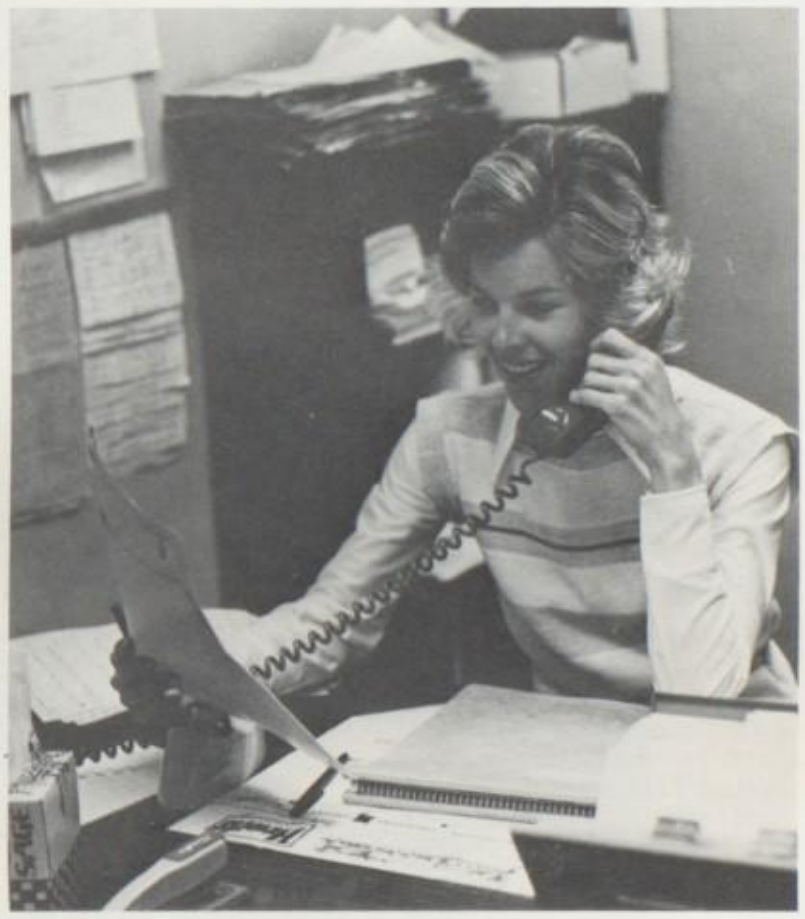
Section Advises Pupils On Career Possibilities

Along with the administrative jobs, the Guidance Department holds one of the most demanding jobs at Choctaw. Together with the hustle and bustle of rearranging student schedules and playing with the county computer, they somehow find time to advise the students on which courses to take.

Somehow they also have time to administer standardized tests to the juniors and seniors. Combined with those things, the guidance counselors help the upperclassmen with their college needs, applications, scholarships, and enrollment. Because there are so many students interested in attending the Vo-Tech, the department has their hands full of scheduling problems.

Mr. Gordon, the senior class advisor along with Mrs. Peterson, the sophomore class advisor, somehow find the time to teach Psychology despite their hectic scheduling problems. Mrs. Reinhold, a first year guidance counselor here at CHS, is the junior class advisor.





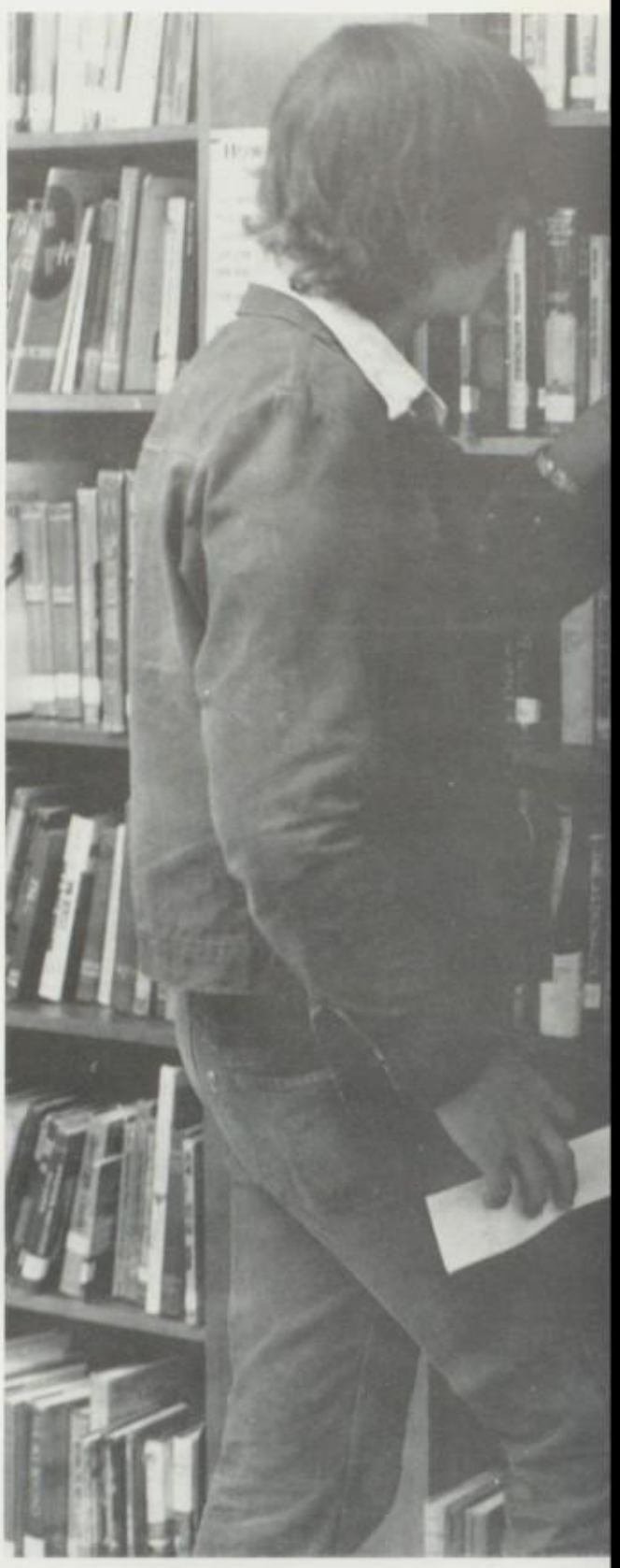
Bottom Right: Mrs. Reinhold, sophomore counselor reminds students of graduation requirements. They must occasionally sacrifice interest courses for ones which earn credit.

Bottom Center: Advising, counseling, and planning schedules is just a part of Mr. Gordon's job. Mr. Gordon is the senior guidance counselor and has been here for years.

Media Center Becomes Hub For Research, Relaxation

The library was a popular gathering place for students. Besides lending books and providing research material, the library also hosted innumerable club meetings and study halls. Students congregated there for necessity — a term paper had to be written, a certain book read for Lit class. They came for interest: to read magazines and books or "play with" the film viewers. Students also came in droves to escape class or the cafeteria. In any event, the library's purpose was served — they all received some kind of instruction while occupying one of the chairs.

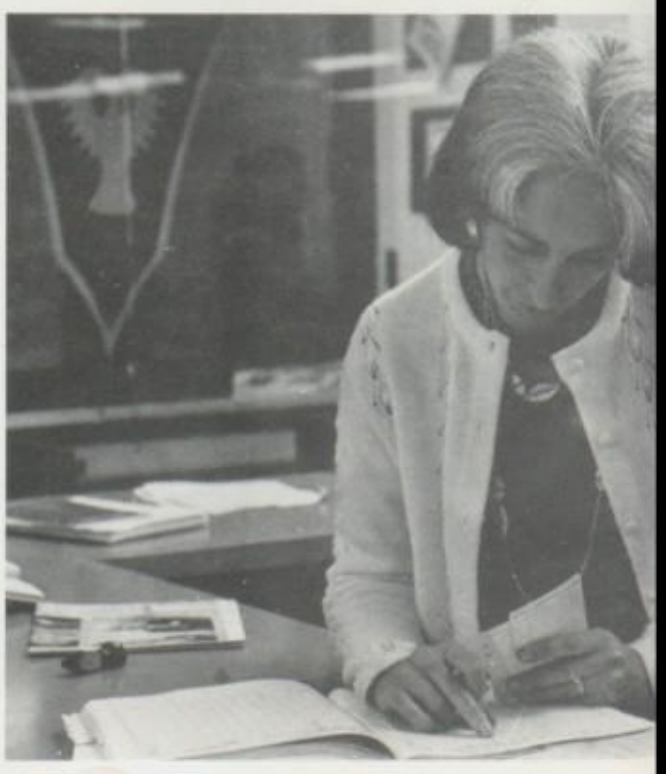
A microfilm viewer, audio-visual aids, and a much-used photocopying machine supplemented the vast stock of literature this year. The many facets of our modern library caused a change in its image: it was renamed the Media Research Center to encompass this wider scope. For the students' use as well as the teachers', these machines represented scientific advances in education.



Top Left: Cross indexing and topical classification help many students in some advanced senior courses. Mrs. Mary Jane Ross explains the technique to David Martin.

Bottom Left: Dorenda Matharan finds the card catalogue very helpful in locating information for her report. The library has expanded to include experimental sciences.

Bottom Center: Filling the position of library secretary left open by departing Mrs. Amy Briggs, Mrs. Ida Pitts patiently tallies the circulation count for the week.

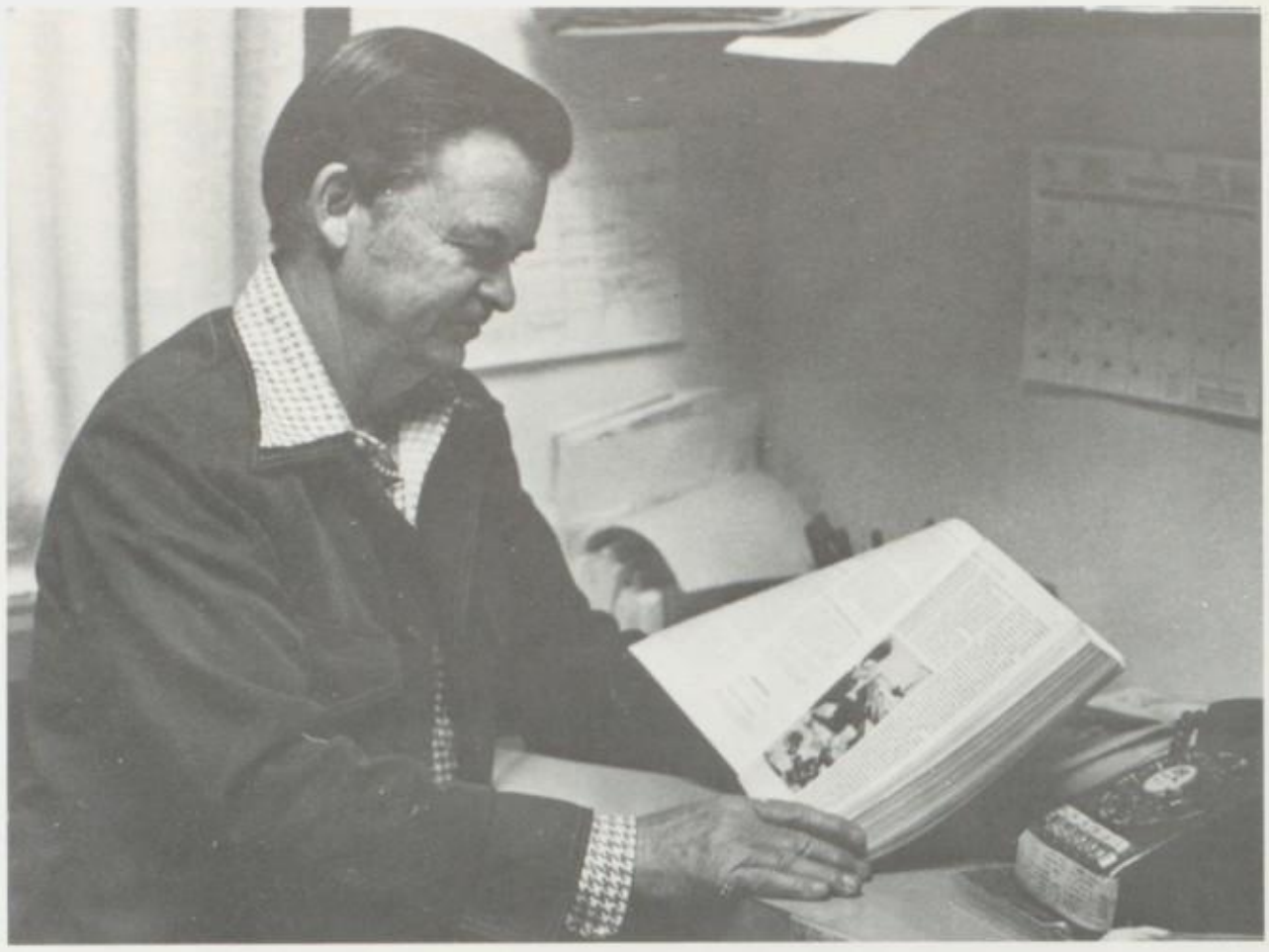


Top Center: Andrew Rog finds the library's 25,500 volumes quite beneficial for research needs. All departments of the school utilize the library for its vast wealth of knowledge.

Top Right: Lisa Shahid scans the various resources of the reserve books. The library shelves supplemental reading material as well as books for recreational reading.

Center Right: Time never permits all planned projects to be completed; however, Ms. Joy Maudlin, librarian, has always tried to implement beneficial programs.

Bottom Right: Library aide, Denise Connett deals with practical problems such as late fees, and lost books. Aides handle these situations, so that librarians can instruct.



Top Left: Mr. Hughes, Occupational Specialist, counsels students with emotional, mental, or physical problems. He helps rehabilitate them so they can face the world again.

Bottom Center: Junior Allen Jackson spends several hours each day at A & P. Through Job Entry he has received class credit, as well as earned money.

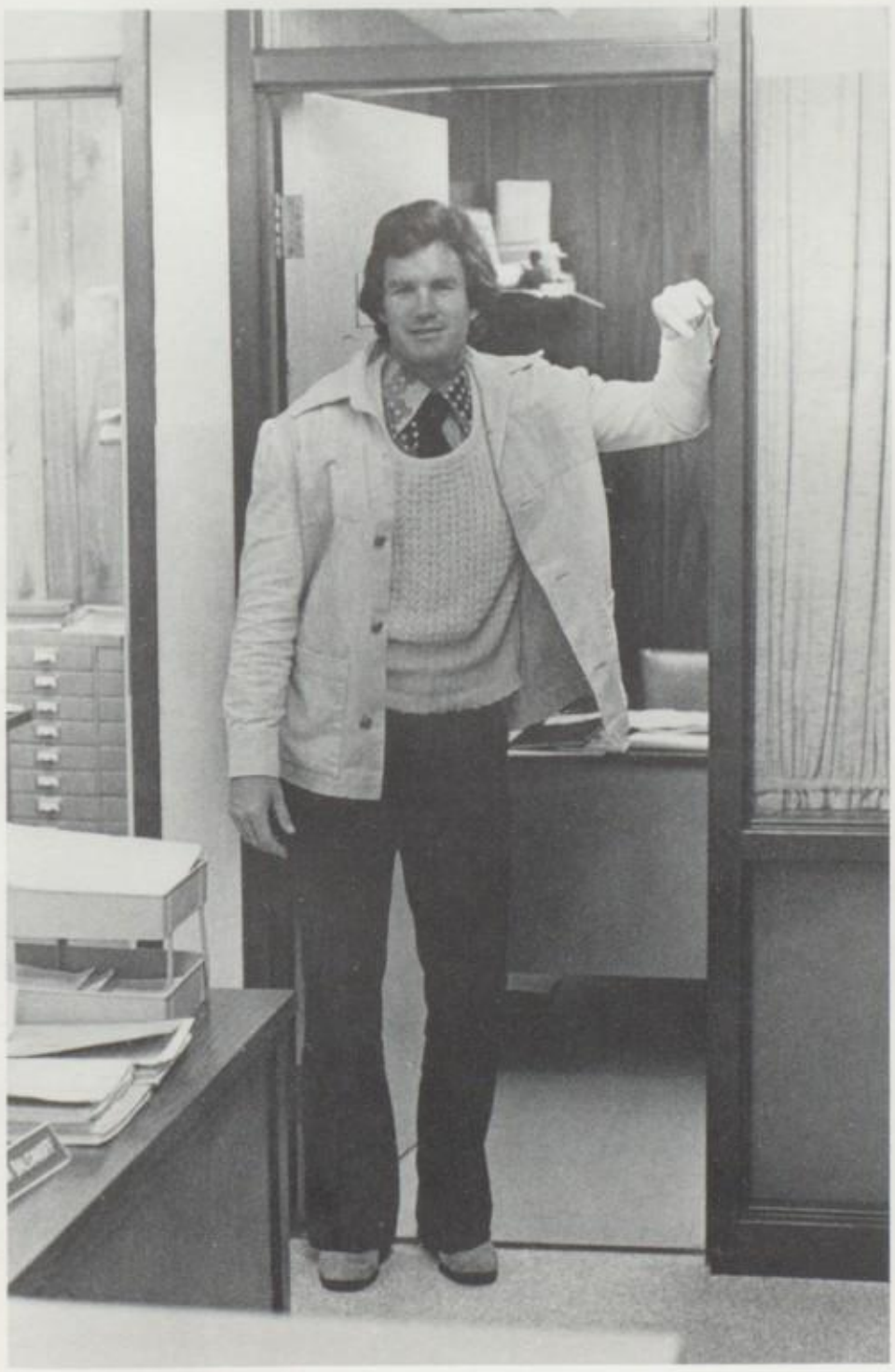
Bottom Left: Mr. Powell, instructor of Work Experience, offers sophomores the chance for on-the-job training. Also they can enroll in career prep courses.

Students Earn Money, Credits in Programs

Obviously, the academic environment does not pacify all students. Aware of this situation, the Florida Legislature appropriated the needed amount of funds to develop suitable programs for those particular students who preferred to go out into a working community atmosphere.

The Work Experience and Job Entry programs let qualified students earn credits for going to work. Students were observed and graded on the basis of the requirements of each job.

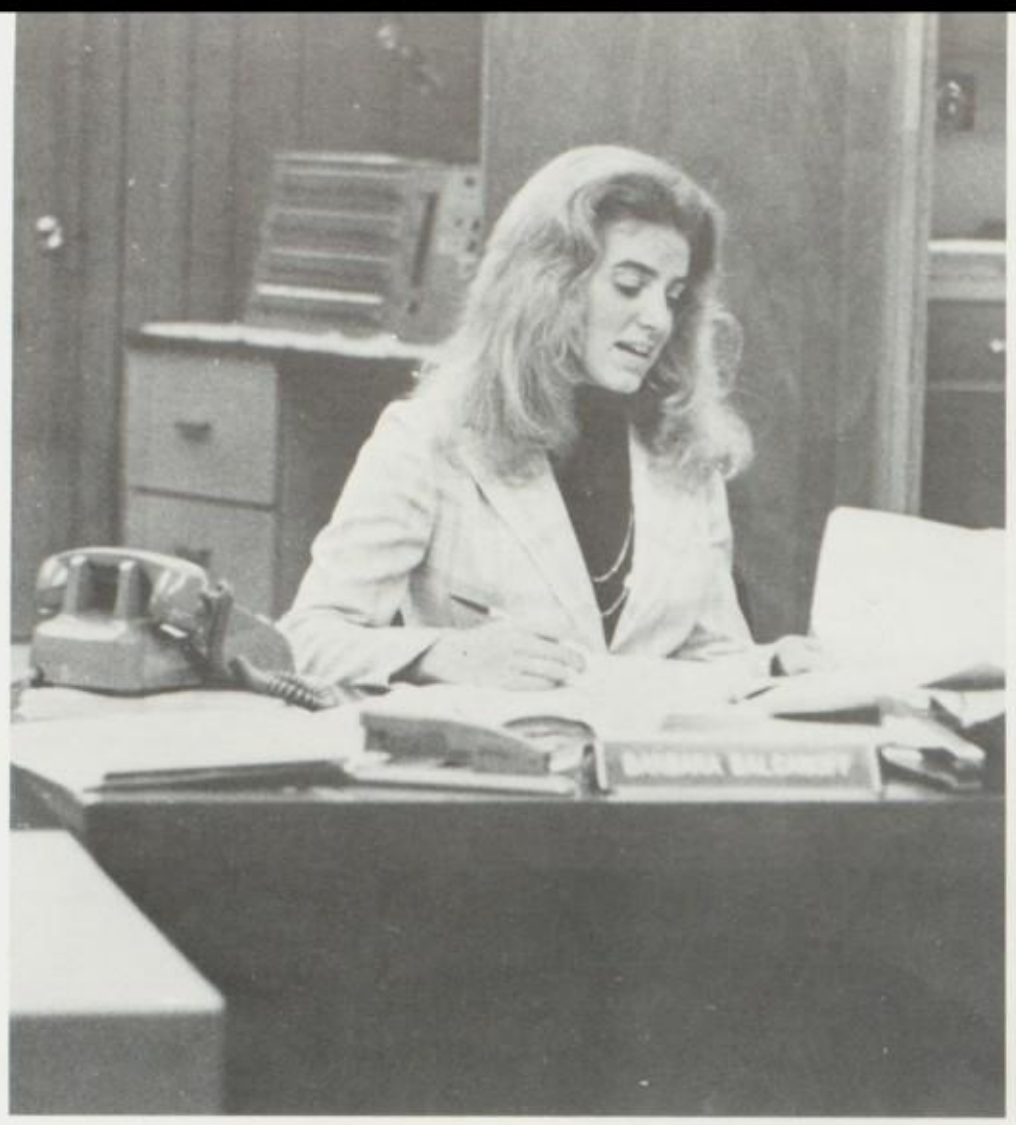
In conjunction with these two programs were the Occupational Specialist programs. These people served in various roles, including counselor, teacher, and employer. They dealt with students who were having academic, personal, and social problems. They also did a lot of career counseling and assisted current students and previous graduates or dropouts to find appropriate jobs that would suit them for their desired needs. Most students received the help they had sought.



Top Center: Mrs. Darden, one of the Occupational Specialists, provides students with correct information and forms necessary in applying for certain jobs.

Center: Mr. Walton, instructor of Job Entry, aids seniors who would rather go to work than come to regular classes. Students are able to receive credits for their work.

Center Right: Work Experience provides students with the machinery that is involved in certain types of jobs. Students seem to enjoy this aspect of the course.



Top Left: In the discipline office, things never seem to be dull or quiet, as Mrs. Balcanoff well knows. One tends to marvel at the wide variety of offenses possible.

Bottom Left: One of the traits of Choctaw's secretaries is their ability to still give an authentic smile, even at the end of a very busy day. Mrs. Prine shows us this very well.

Elegant Ladies Always Ready To Help School

During the course of each and every day, the several secretaries who worked in the main office most likely handled at least one thousand or more students and the students' problems. Beset by a never-ending amount of interruptions and harried by immediate deadlines, the secretaries still managed to live up to the cute motto that was posted next to Mrs. Dudley's desk.

In each of their individual positions, each of the secretaries attempted to relieve some of the heavier burdens placed upon the various administrators. Those fine women helped keep financial reports and cumulative folders up-to-date and usually available for use. They also took care of discipline records and bulletins. Despite the hardships, frustrations, and anxieties, the secretaries still provided the public, the faculty, and the students with hospitality, along with needed information and data.

Top Right: Bookkeeping obligations at home are absolutely nothing in comparison to Choctawhatchee's. Mrs. Pappas attempts to balance the budget, pay bills, and stay sane.

Bottom Center: The secretaries work together in teams to distribute many of the school's news items. The bulletin is a result of Mrs. Barton's and Mrs. Prine's hard work.

Bottom Right: Mrs. Dudley regulates all of the incoming and outgoing postal communications, county records, documents, and payroll records, and other important materials.

Top Left: Comfort control for the CHS complex falls into the lap of Mr. Gerald Encardes. Complaints far outweigh the compliments as he tries to balance the temperature.

Center: As she enjoys the midday break, Carey McNamara eats her a la carte lunch. Due to the increasing student body, lunch is divided into three separate periods.

Our hard-working cafeteria women are: FRONT ROW: Assistant manager Barbara Roberts, Dolores Bentley, Hazel Ricketts, Harriet Witten, Sara Allen. SECOND ROW: Substitute Dolores Head, Linda Workman, Betty Richburg, Aneita Harrell, Francoise Mitchell, Ruth Fell, Doris Robinson, Rubie Paul, Alice Patrick, Doris Myricie, Velma Burrows. Not pictured: Mrs. Anna Williamson, head of the cafeterial department.

Bottom Center: The a la carte program, a recent development in food services, provides Julie Sherwin and Debbie Padden with lunch; "having it their own way."

Bottom Left: No matter which lunch period, the cafeteria always seems too full. Besides being a time for eating and drinking, lunch allows students to socialize with friends.

Department's Resolve . . . Student Health, Nutrition

Complaints, complaints, and more complaints! Two departments here at Choctaw never hear the end of them; our Cafeterial and Maintenance Departments.

Consider the problem in the cafeteria: On any given day, up to 2,000 students with individual tastes may decide to use the school cafeteria services. How many tomatoes are needed to put in the salads of 2,000 people? Did you know they have to count the cookies that they bake? These major problems plague the cafeterial staff, headed by Mrs. Anna Williamson.

These ladies come in around 6:30 a.m. every school morning and use government subsidies and USDA recipes in preparing our nutritious, low cost lunches. In order to provide variety, they also supply a la carte lunches.

Most students believe that all the maintenance men do is sweep the halls and set up chairs. Our maintenance men, however, do much more than that! They have responsibilities such as keeping the school grounds beautiful, making sure the plants are watered, and repainting the school during the summer. In the last year, because of rodents in the school structure, 10,000 feet of wire tubing was damaged and had to be repaired. Hurricane Eloise brought on even more for our maintenance men who spent many long hours putting the school back together.

One thing that helped the Maintenance Department greatly was the Clean Up Litter Week. The students did a great job and it certainly enhanced the whole school.

Bottom Right: Choctaw's hard working maintenance men are: Bob Kaizer, Andy Rossi, Bill Horne, John Smith, Sid Carter, and Oral Roberts.

Businesses, Hobbies Occupy Extra Hours

Once the dismissal bell rings, teachers spend their time involved in interests that often do not concern school. Through these outlets teachers can finally vent their school-caused tensions and become people once again.

In addition to the families that many have, the faculty divides its time among many varied activities. A teacher at Choctaw served as the chairman for the Ronald Reagan for President committee, thus becoming directly involved in the political activity of Okaloosa County.

The local economy became an important problem and concern for several CHS teachers. As owners of local businesses these people discovered inflation and other economic problems personally.

By the time the students attended Choctaw, they were aware that teachers didn't vanish into the woodwork at 2:00. Various forms of extracurricular activities revitalized the theory that teachers provide much to a community. They really can do more than just teach.

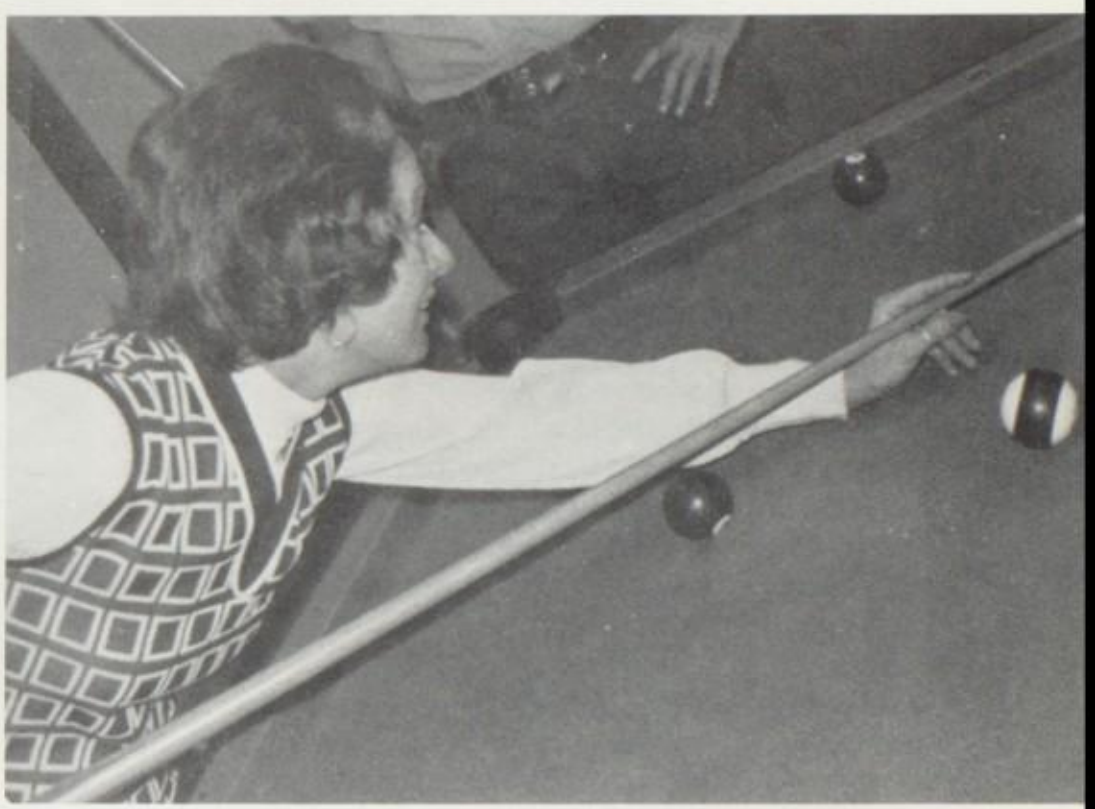
Bottom Left: As a member of a bowling league, special ed. teacher Pat Hicks spends a great deal of her extra time perfecting her strike. She bowls every Thursday.

Center: Mr. Brown, CHS principal, learns the restaurant business from the bottom up. Mr. Brown and Mr. Wright, who is also an administrator at CHS, own a pizzeria.

Top Left: Performing a wedding is but one of the many duties Mr. Robert Cupstid performs as a certified minister. Mr. Cupstid pastors a small church.

Top Center: Mrs. Mary Ruth Jones works daily after school in her shoe store. She and Mr. Jimmy Jones recently opened another shoe store in Crestview.

Center Right: Mrs. Dodie Bradley spends some of her spare time playing pool. Mrs. Bradley also is very active in church work and she sings in her church choir.



Bottom Center: History teacher, Mrs. Frances Hinshelwood displays her antique doll collection. As a member of the Playground Doll Assoc., she buys and restores dolls.

Bottom Right: Playing bridge certainly is more fun than grading papers for Mrs. Sarah Davis, Mrs. Jean Strickland, Mrs. Anne Johnston and Mrs. Dale Simmons.

Subjects Taught Require Many Varied Methods

There are as many ways to teach a specific subject as there are teachers doing it. Techniques range from the traditonal teacher oriented, to those in which the student presents, critiques and tests himself. Choctaw has teachers who demonstrate a vast majority of methods. Each will admit varying degrees of success.

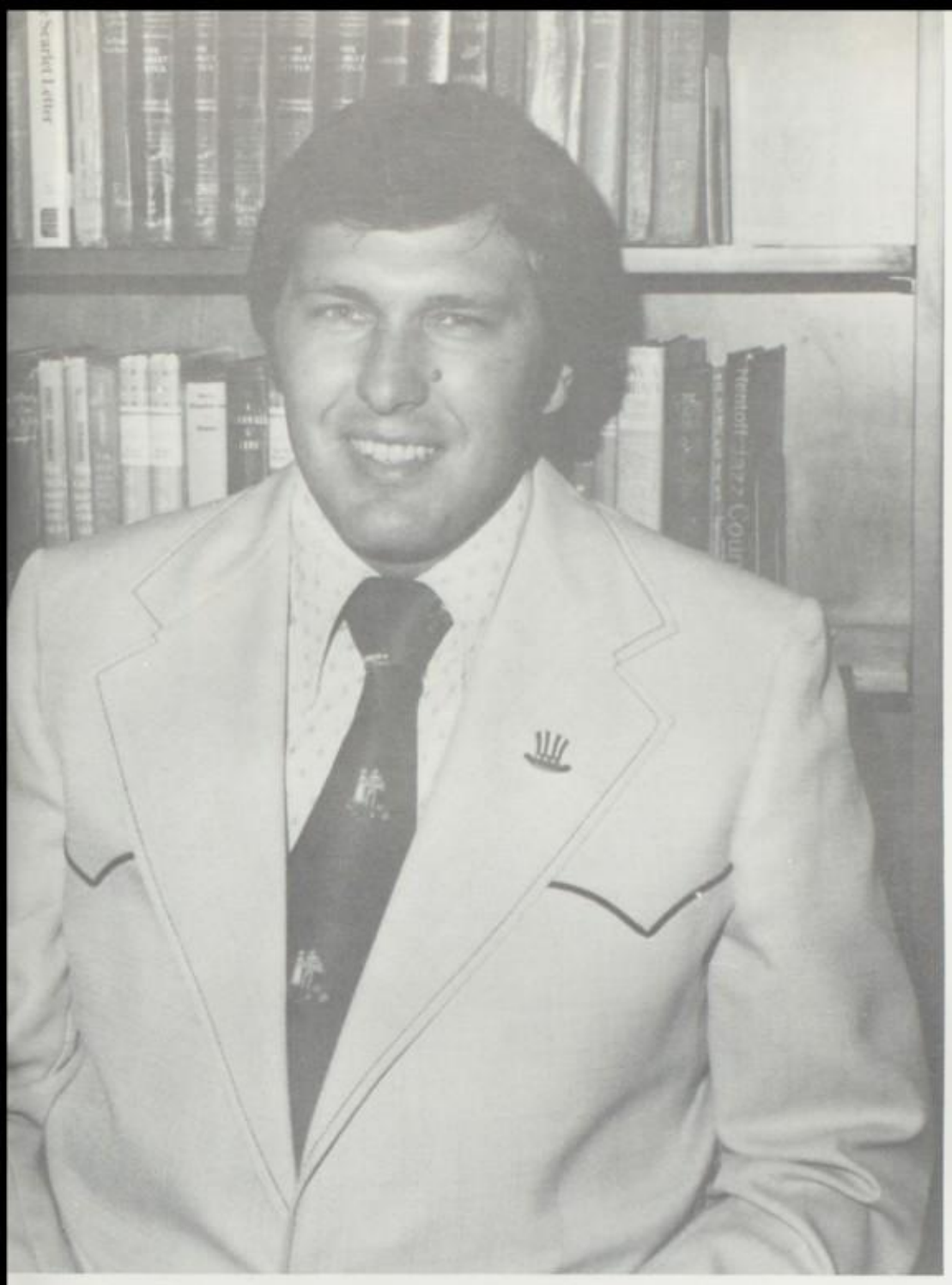
Our Science Department found it easiest to use "hands-on" techniques. These techniques enabled students to rediscover the mysteries of science by allowing them to do actual lab work. Telling students specifically what would happen when they combined certain chemicals was not as dramatic as letting them discover it themselves.

In some situations, teachers took a back seat position and allowed the students to accomplish the task through individual effort. Home economics, driver's education and physical education were areas in which the student was given information, then was left to convert that information into action and products. Drama and art courses probably exhibited the loosest type of control as students learned to freely express thoughts and emotions with teachers serving as critics as well as instructors.

According to the dictionary, a technique is ". . . a method to accomplish a set task." At CHS, the task was always the same — education.

Top Left: Mrs. Lona Almond displays her unusual way of teaching her math students how to remember their sine, cosine, tangent, etc. Her Trig. students also learn formula songs!

Bottom Left: Using his maps and vast knowledge of history, Mr. Fulton Smith tries to make the history of our United States come alive to Choctaw students.



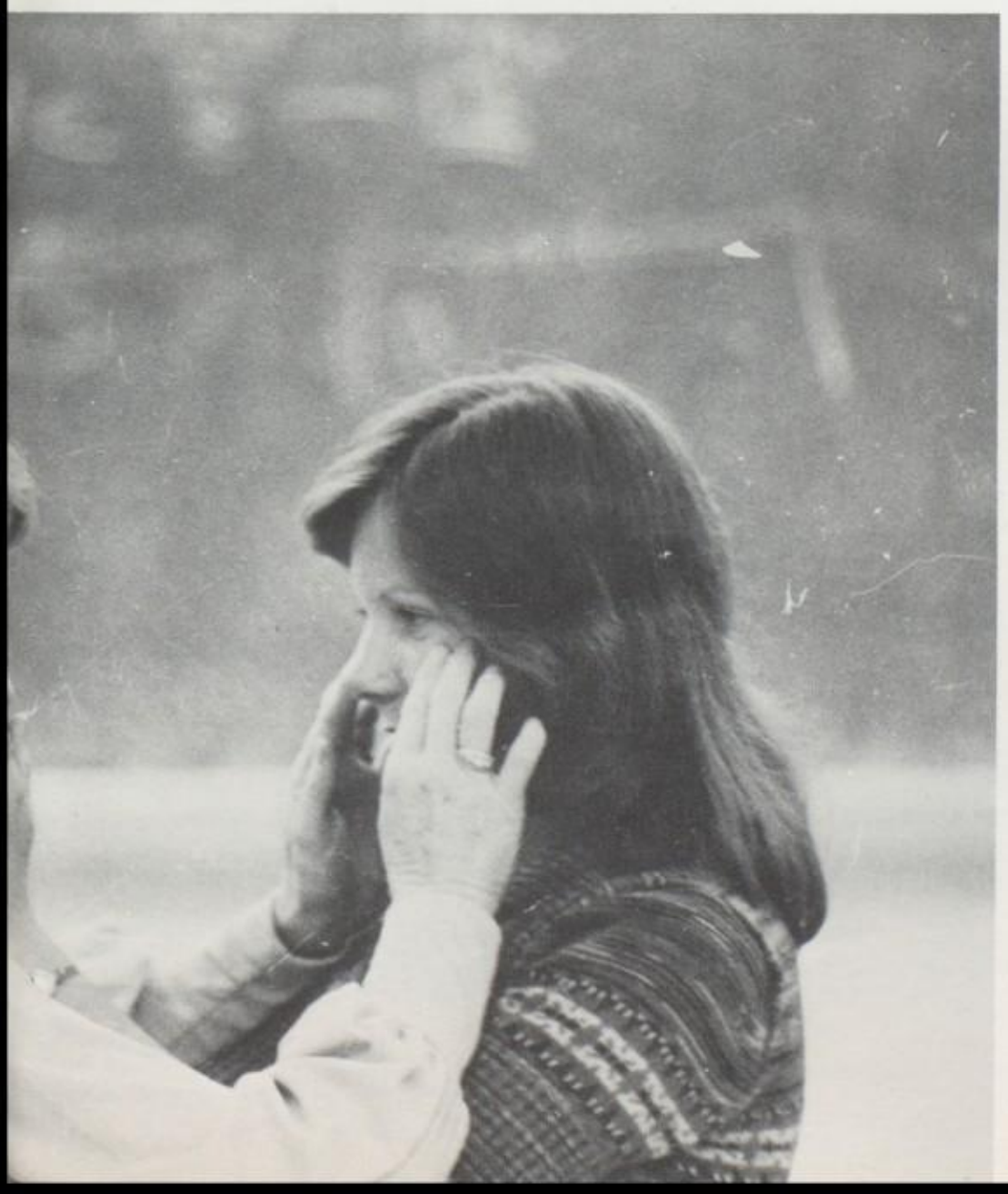
CHS Teacher Receives State Educator's Award

A word of warning to the students of Choctaw — don't be surprised if, somehow, somewhere, when you least expect it, someone comes up to you and asks, "Can you handle it?" The voice you would be hearing would be the one and only "Voice of Choctaw", which belongs to Big Greens' own Don Kyzer.

Mr. Kyzer has been arousing the enthusiasm of the students of Choctaw since 1968. Since then he has carried the official title of Student Activity Director. He enjoys his work tremendously and sees worth in what he is doing.

Mr. "K", as he is known to some students, holds the job of sponsor of ICC, Hi-Y, and Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y. He is very much involved in the Youth Legislature Program as he is head coach of the delegates sent from our city. He is also currently acting as President of the Northwest Florida All Sports Association.

Because of his unique teaching ability, contributions to the school, and his love for teaching, he was chosen to represent our county in the bid for the "Teacher of the Year" award. This award is given annually by the Florida Department of Education to an outstanding Florida teacher. Although he faced stiff competition, our Mr. Kyzer was named first runner-up. We knew you could handle it, Mr. "K."



Top Right: Congratulations to Mr. Don Kyzer for being chosen Teacher of the Year of Okaloosa County and being selected first runner-up to the state title.

Bottom Right: Mr. Kyzer and fellow staff members enjoying the breakfast prepared for them by the administration. Mr. Kyzer is well liked by both faculty and students.

Bottom Center: The sense of touch enables students to experience the sensitivity of facial expression. Mrs. Yeager demands intense facial expression and voice control.

Responsibility-One of Courses' Main Ideas

The many students enrolled in ROTC were taught basic skills in aeronautics and other important things such as leadership and responsibility. The one hundred or so cadets, also participated in many flag-raising ceremonies, parades, and field trips to various local installations.

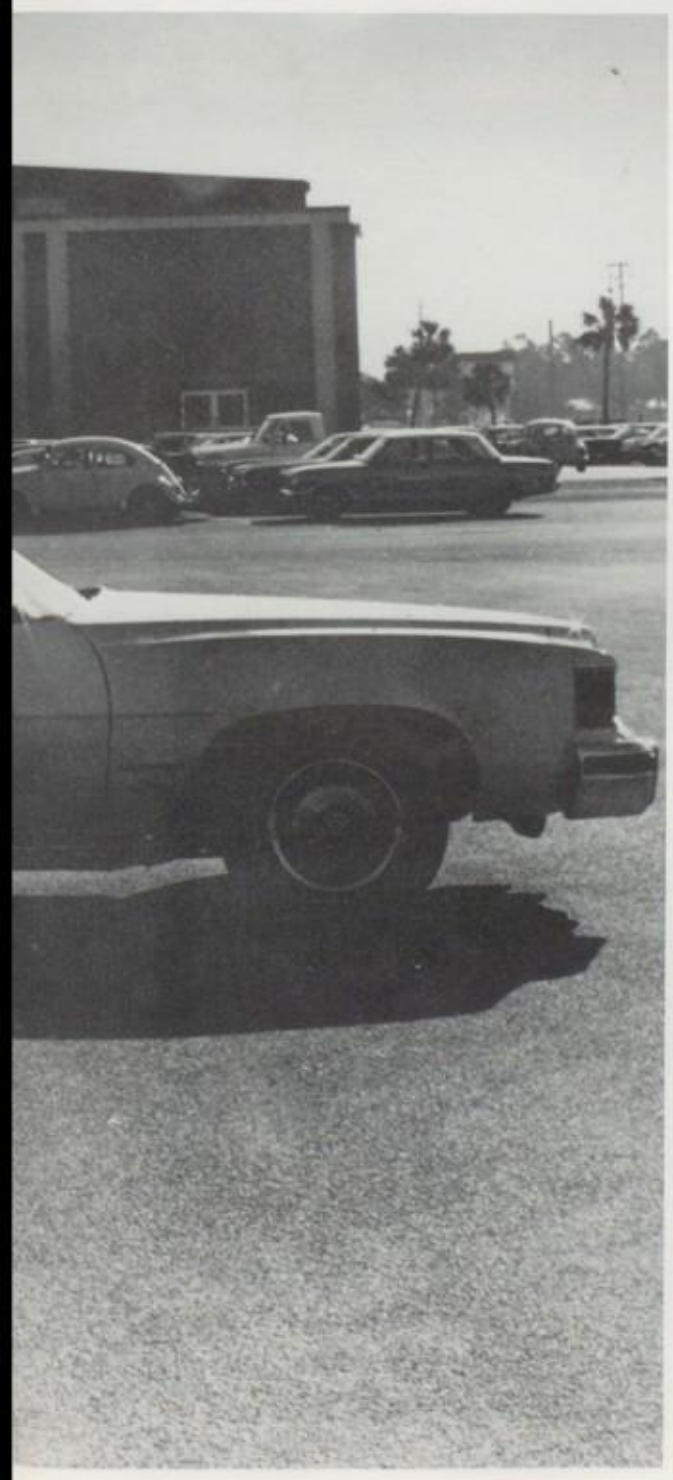
The students in Driver's Education were exposed to a more meaningful type of responsibility. They were expected to learn safe and effective driving techniques. They were taught skills, along with some basic rules and important legal information. The instructors, with the use of textbooks and the driving range, did their very best to teach all the students to be tactful and defensive drivers.

ROTC and Driver's Education have been two misunderstood courses in the past. But this year, as insurance prices and rates again rose and college and university tuitions were increased, the students began to realize the many possible benefits of those two courses.

Bottom Center: Driver's Education teaches not only the student to drive a car, but also the mechanics of the autos and safety rules in case of emergency situations.

Top Left: Mr. Harold Dearman is one of the three instructors of Driver's Education. His job is to make positive that all of the students know almost everything about driving.

Bottom Left: Returning to his classroom is Mr. Crawford. Knowledge of the driving rules and of the autos are what it takes to make a teacher who can teach his students well.



Top Center: The ROTC instructors discuss different aspects of the course. The teachers are Colonel Reed, Chief Master Sergeant Wood, and Master Sergeant Joyner.

Top Right: Reserve Officers Training Corps, commonly called ROTC, does contain marching, but it is more than that. It's demanding and requires knowledge in aero-dynamics..

Bottom Right: Mr. Fred Pitts explains to his class the difference between defensive and offensive maneuvers. He makes sure the students understand so they'll be safe drivers.

Top Left: Mr. Marshall, art teacher, enjoys participating in the development of students' projects. They are not graded on the skills they have, but on their efforts.

Top Center: Painting is only one of the many aspects of art. Most students consider it a challenge to draw a picture then add a touch of artistry to it with paints.

Bottom Left: Mr. Lunsford, art instructor, works individually with each student. He devotes his time and talent to improve students' creativity in art.

Bottom Right: Putting the finishing touches on a piece of art gives students the feeling of accomplishment. They realized they have the talent and ability to create.

Teachers' Motto Requires The Attitudes to Create

For many years art classes were the crip courses in school for which everyone enrolled. That proved to be faulty logic. The free and easy movement in Choctaw's art revolved around the instructor's premise, "If you ain't got what it takes, get out!"

With the relaxing atmosphere of music, students were able to work freely on projects of their own choice. Arts and crafts students exerted themselves on pottery, screen painting, and macrame' which seemed to be most popular among the students.

Art III students concentrated primarily on their own designs of paintings and drawings.
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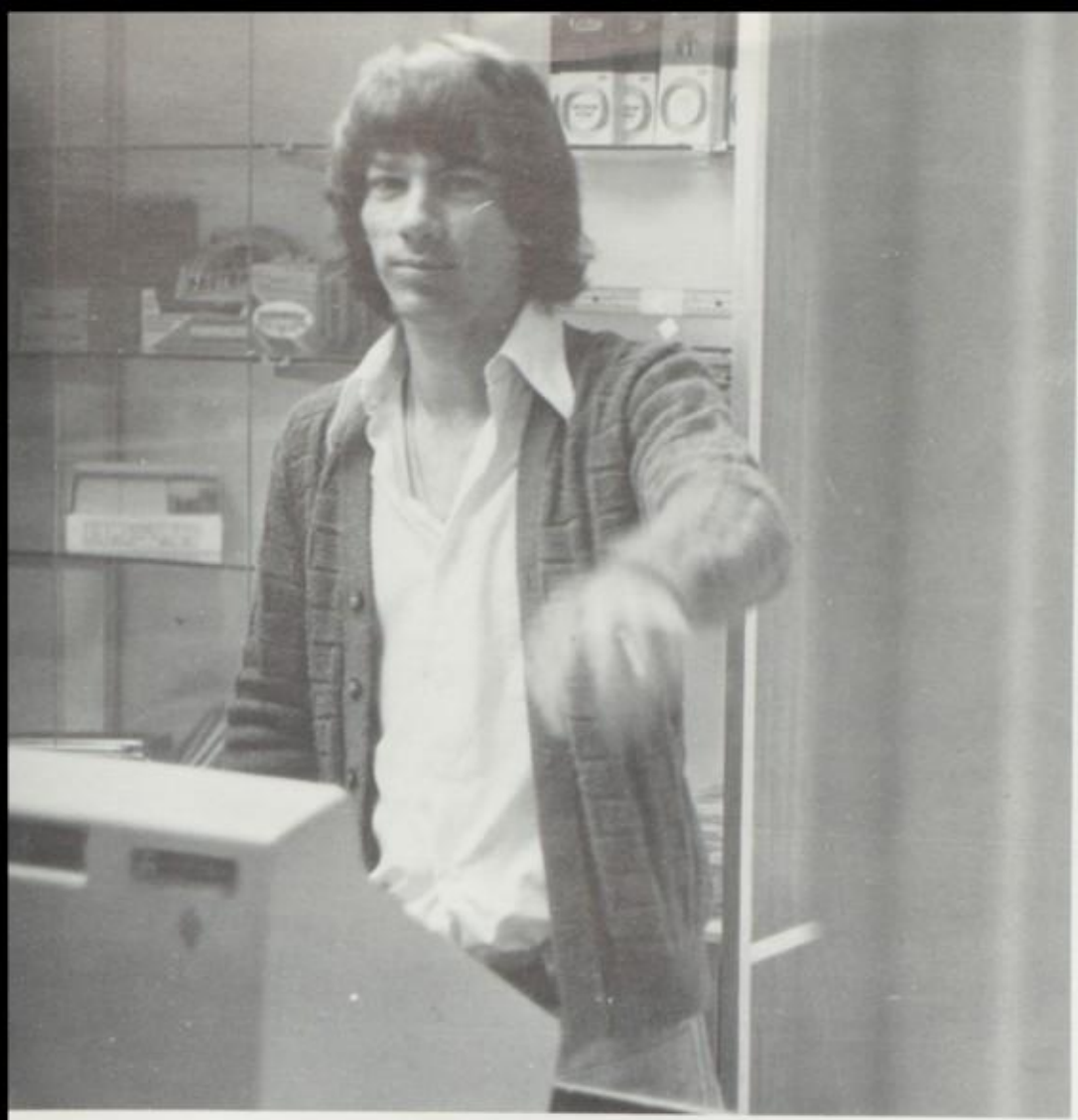
"Do your own thing," was the main objective in most of the classes. Most students followed this procedure and those who did were rewarded.

Contributions from the state funding supported the gifted students program this year. It provided the brighter and more talented students one period a week to help better themselves artistically.

Top Left: Demonstrating the use of one of the office machines is Frankie Middleton. She is also sponsor of CBE, or Cooperative Business Education, a business extra.

Bottom Left: Dictaphones are fairly recent addition to the business equipment. The dictaphones allow the students to practice typing without the use of books.

Top Center: Business Education instructors are (standing) Fred Jordan and Ray Vick. The five young women sitting on the couch are Yuba Sotile, Eleanor Garner, Frankie Middleton, Margaret Simpson, and Jenny Hamilton. Not pictured on this spread is Jim Mueller. These people work together to help students better understand the study of business.

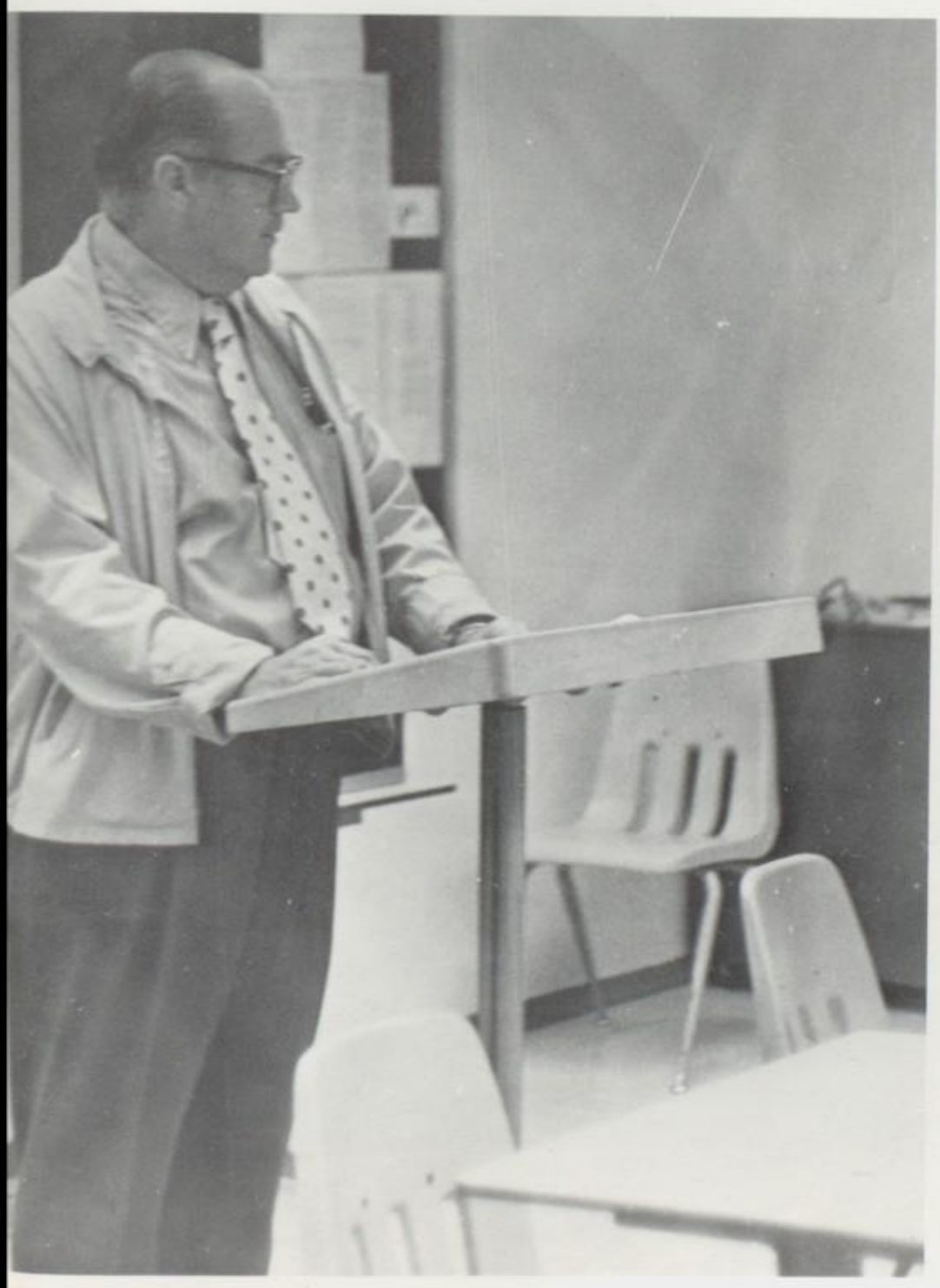


Office Like Equipment Prepares Qualified Help

The majority of the teachers in the Business Education Department felt that the best training for the students enrolled in business was actual office work. Several of the many students were given assignments at various times by the school administrators, but sometimes, work came in from such places as the county office.

Through experience in the office and in office type surroundings, the students were able to apply their own abilities to jobs as well as learn and develop new skills. Typing, a business basic, and Business Law each taught advanced along with basic applications of skills to the various duties required in the office.

They, the students, were exposed to several different types of office machines. Many required skill to operate them, and in Business Education, the students were taught how to use them. Ranging from manual typewriters to dictaphones, they helped the pupils gain expertise through practice.



Top Right: Business Education is more than typing. A student may learn to use cash registers and calculators among many other types of office equipment.

Bottom Center: Mr. James Middleton, D.E. sponsor, instructs his class in a way which appeals to most of his students. D.E. is an interesting elective.

Bottom Right: Caroline Parrish, sponsor of B.E.D., grades many of her students on not only speed, but accuracy and legibility in the assignments and office tasks.

International Knowledge Gained In Languages

This year, the Foreign Language courses had one of the largest increases in student interest. The student body seemed to realize the importance of the foreign languages in its world, or else they knew the deep satisfaction each gave.

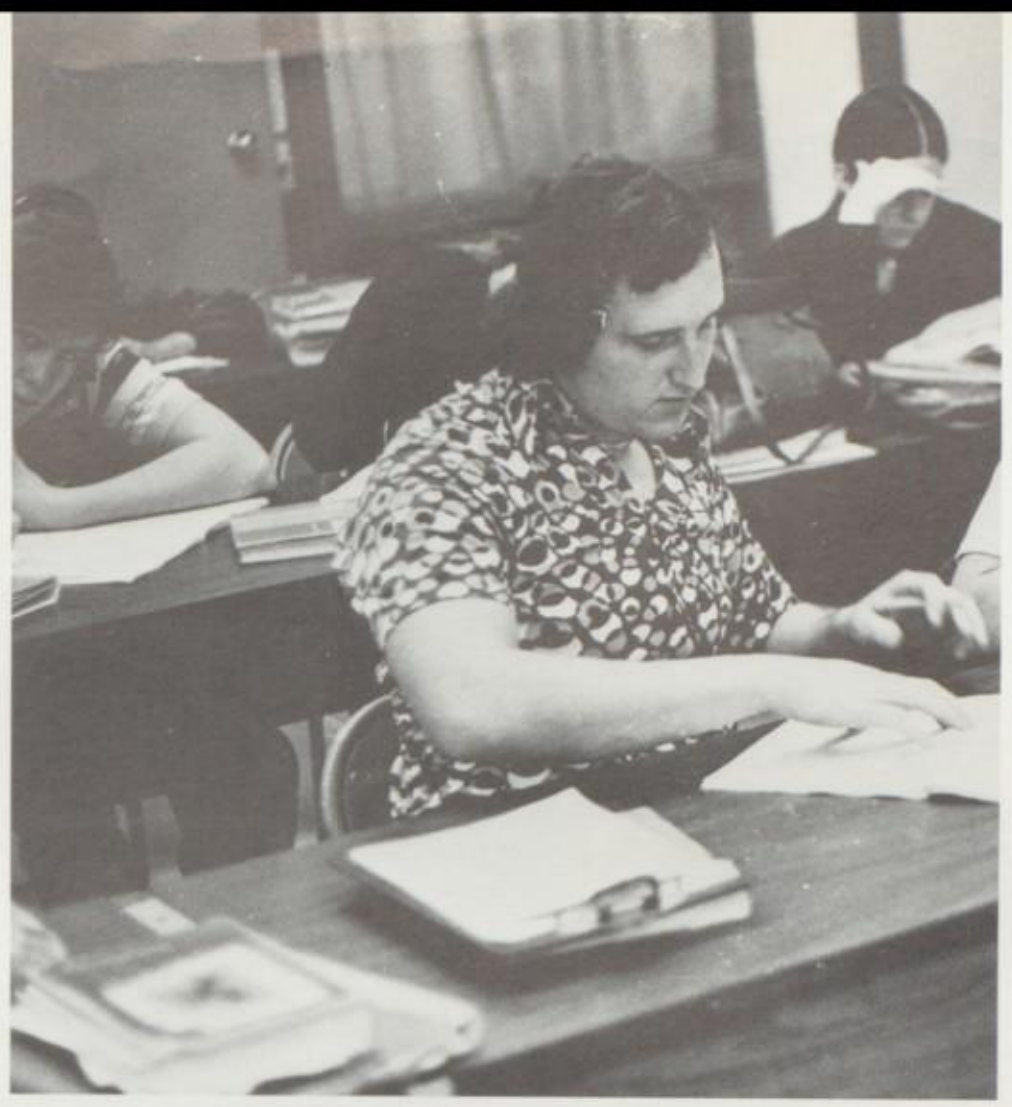
Though most colleges required all entrants to have at least some background in a second language, a lot of the students took the courses for their own personal benefits, not just to get into college. Even in the United States, especially here in Florida, languages came in handy, and the students took pride in being able to communicate to and help all types of immigrants.

French, a romance language, had the largest increase as compared to past years. Obviously, languages have become more popular and to many people they are a real pleasure.

Top Left: Foreign Language teachers are Ewell Clark and Robert Kelleher. Sitting are Lillianne Preble and Myra Feely. Each instructor teaches a different language.

Bottom Left: Ewell Clark is the German instructor at Choctaw. He is also sponsor of the German Honor Club here and is active in other activities at school.

Bottom Center: Mrs. Mary Anchors, Spanish teacher, is shown here at a party in her honor. She retires after many years teaching Spanish being replaced by Mrs. Feely.



Top Right: Like any other course, Latin IV has tests, too. These tests help students to better understand the language and help them gain more knowledge.

Bottom Right: Many of the language classes now are able to use tape players as a means of learning. The students are able to hear word pronunciation, which aids in learning.

Top Left: The Home Economics classes are now instructed by Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Strickland, head of the department, Mrs. Norris, and Mrs. Head, who is not shown.

Top Right: Trying to find the right equipment to cook with isn't too easy for men or women who are just starting out in the basics of Home Economic's cooking.

Bottom Left: A large part of Interior Decorating I is spent on the crocheting of afghans. The girls are graded on the efficiency and neatness of their projects.

Pitfalls of Life Are Revealed in Classes

When the meat scorched and the vegetables got cold, the gentlemen of Bachelor Survival learned that food really didn't cook itself.

Cooking was just a part of the new adventures waiting for the members of this "crip" course. Darning socks and mending shirts also provided many anxious moments as large hands tried diligently to thread the eyes of tiny needles.

A new addition to the department was Interior Decorating II, a continuation of Interior Decorating I. Many students showed that they had the interest, skills, and abilities to go further into the study of interior designing.

A lot of time was spent during the year working diligently toward perfection of certain projects. Most students went along with the idea that "Home Economics can be done in class without having to do any homework outside of class."

A variety of courses presented students with the instructions, time, and freedom to study every aspect of home economics.

Bottom Center: Unbeatable records are set in Bachelor Survival, for such events as table setting, washing dishes, and the extremely difficult task of cookie burning.

Bottom Right: Women in cooking class learn the hard way that a mis-measured recipe could and usually does end up in a disastrous situation sometimes hard to handle.

Top Left: It seems that both Mr. Franklin and his class feel that not only is electronics a fascinating and helpful class but also the number one Industrial Arts class offered.

Bottom Left: Taking carpentry at Choctaw means enjoying the course as well as gaining possible insight into the basics of a highly skilled and respected profession.

Students Learn Trades, Skills At New Center

Okaloosa County took a giant leap into the pragmatic present with the opening of the Vocational Technical Training Center in November 1975. Courses at all schools were limited prior to the opening of Vo Tech.

Students were offered many interesting fields ranging from brick-laying to cosmetology. Attendants split their time between Choctaw and Vo Tech.

The necessity was finally realized of sending productive, trained, students into the adult world. The addition of Vo-Tech helped to accomplish this.

Industrial Arts were again offered at Choctaw. Previously thought to be classes in which students did nothing but draw sketches, the program has changed its image. For the first time there is a Power Mechanics class offered strictly for girls.

Wood working allowed students to build many different projects for their own personal use.

Top Right: Although life in another Choctaw class might be somewhat less enthusiastic, Industrial Arts students find great refreshment in their electronic creations.

Bottom Right: Students greatly enjoy working with their hands in Industrial Arts classes. They take pains with the planning as well as the mechanics of each project.

Education-Now More Popular Than Before

Drama was one of the many courses chosen as an elective for which students could receive English credits. It and its related courses were popular because they were involved and exciting. The students enrolled in Drama were among the luckiest of students: they saw guests demonstrate hairstyles, costume making, acting movements, and the application of theatrical make-up. The students also enjoyed watching professional acting troups.

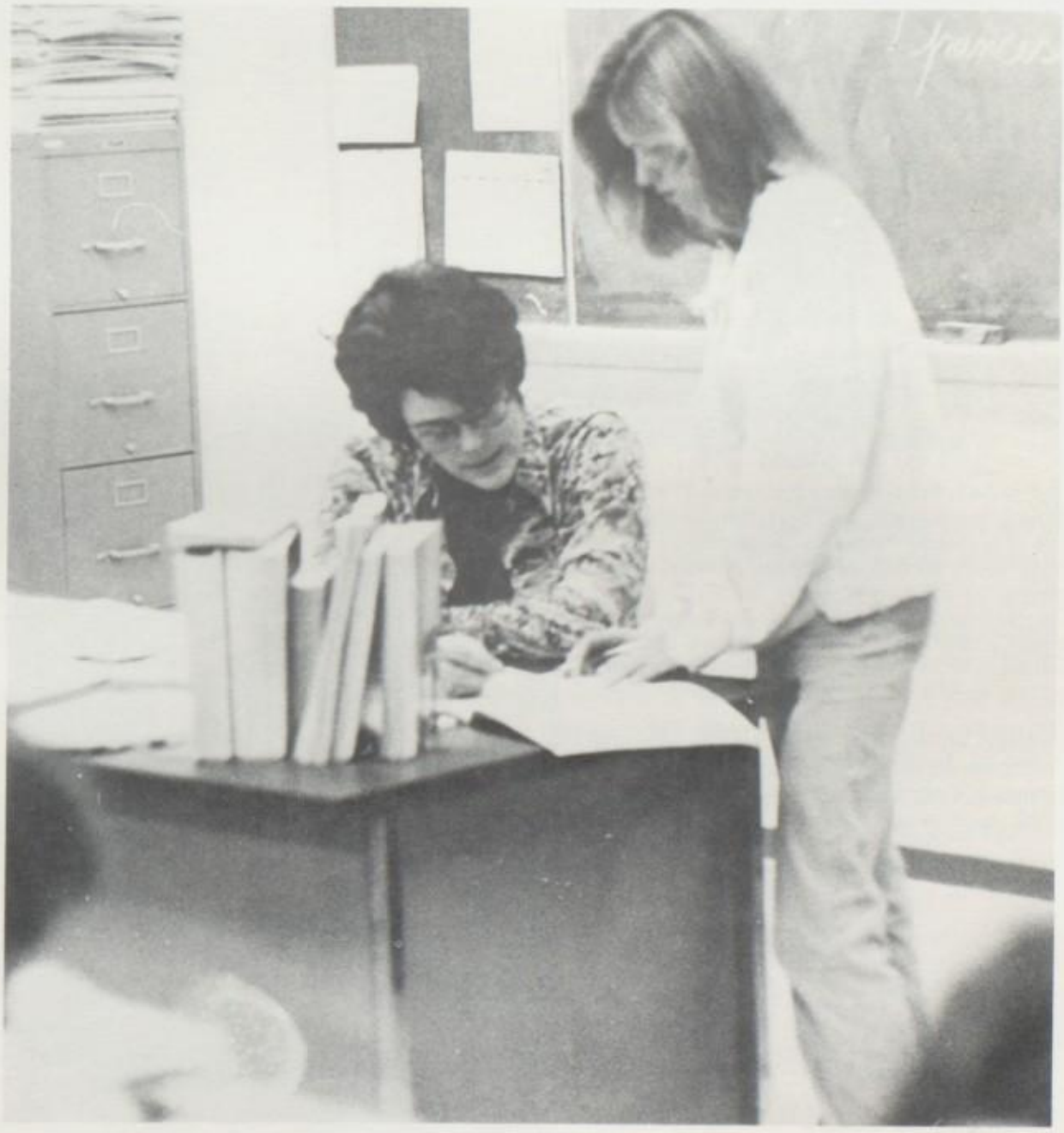
Since a few years ago, Language Arts has become a major part of every student's life. Grammar and Advanced Composition enrollment increased as the students began to realize the importance of all these courses. Career English was a course offered second semester. That course, along with many more, provided students with insights into the problems of media communications. Even though some of the courses were more arousing or interesting than others, there was such a large variety that almost everyone was pleased.

Top Left: Language Arts teachers enjoy their work, as shown by the smiles. Four of the teachers are Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Godwin, Mrs. Machen, and sitting is Mrs. Nash.

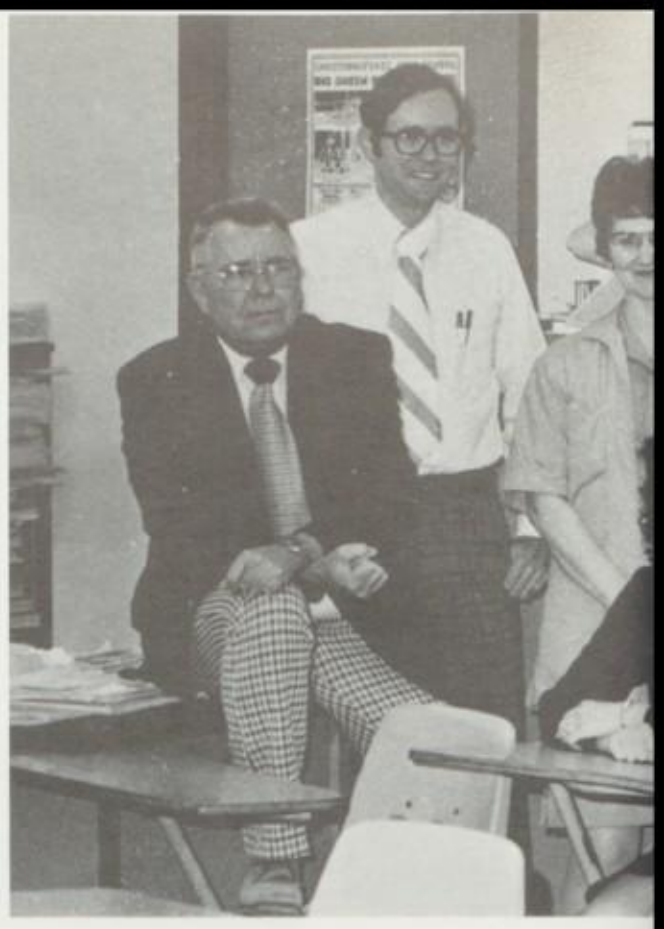
Bottom Left: Even though the students here at Choctaw are surrounded by the tools of the trade, many of the students sill have not learned to appreciate vocabulary enrichment.

Bottom Center: Drama students are sometimes graded on different cuttings performed during the six weeks. Some hams receive high grades for acting in the productions.

BACK ROW: Jo Yeager, Michalene (Mike) Perry, Mary Anchors, Barbara Horer, Randi Freise, Leleanne Preble, Ewell Clark, Frances Gaudsmith. Sitting are: Laura Sandora, Mary Jane Ross, Aleta Mayes, Mary Ready, and Sara Davis.



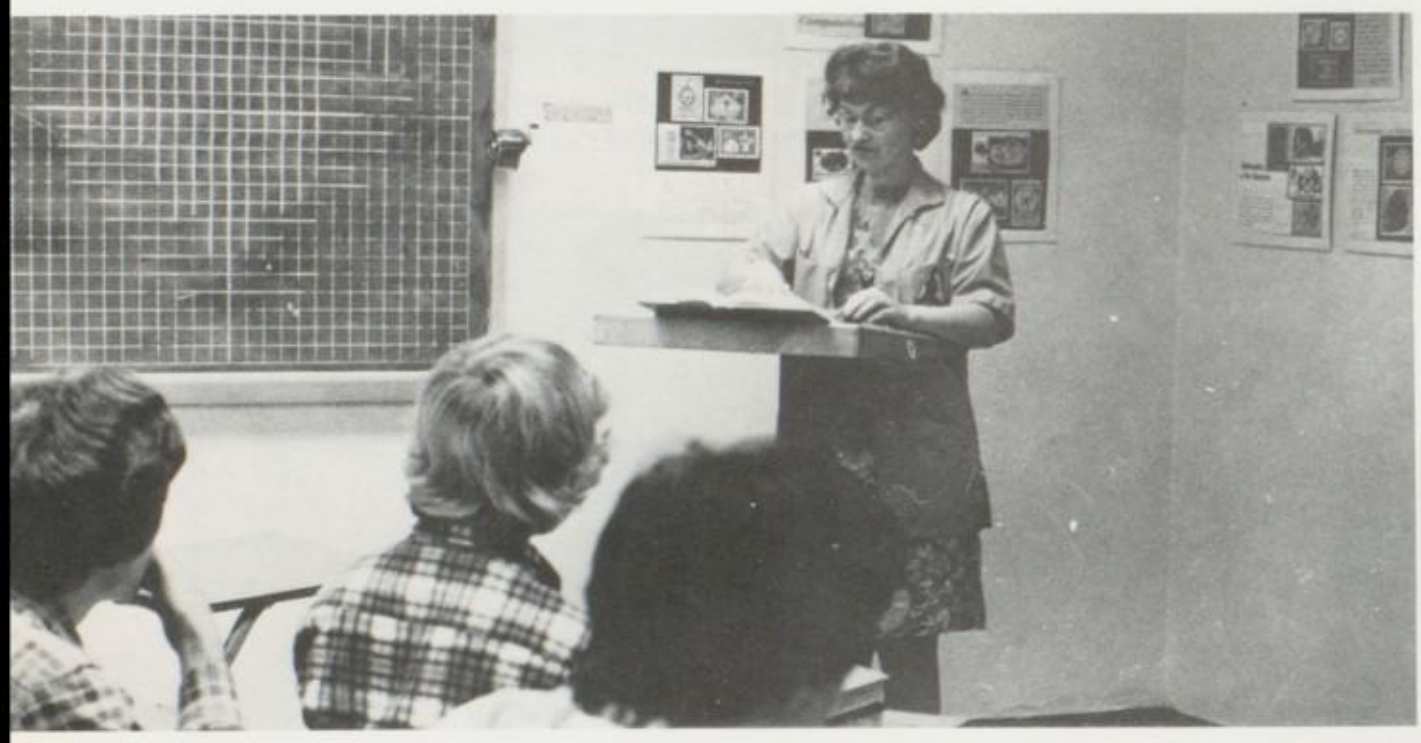
Bottom Right: Mrs. Myra Feely, instructs one of her students. She, along with most other teachers, uses drill manuals and boardwork as aids for teaching her classes.



Top Left: Mr. Howard grabs his head in utter disbelief as he realizes his sophomore math students can not handle simple algebra problems. One plus one suddenly becomes four!

Top Center: Mr. F. Salter, department head, Mr. T. Blizzard, Mrs. D. Simmons, Mrs. M. McCardle, Mr. H. Howard, Mrs. L. Almond. Not shown: Mr. J. Blanchard, Mr. H. Earle.

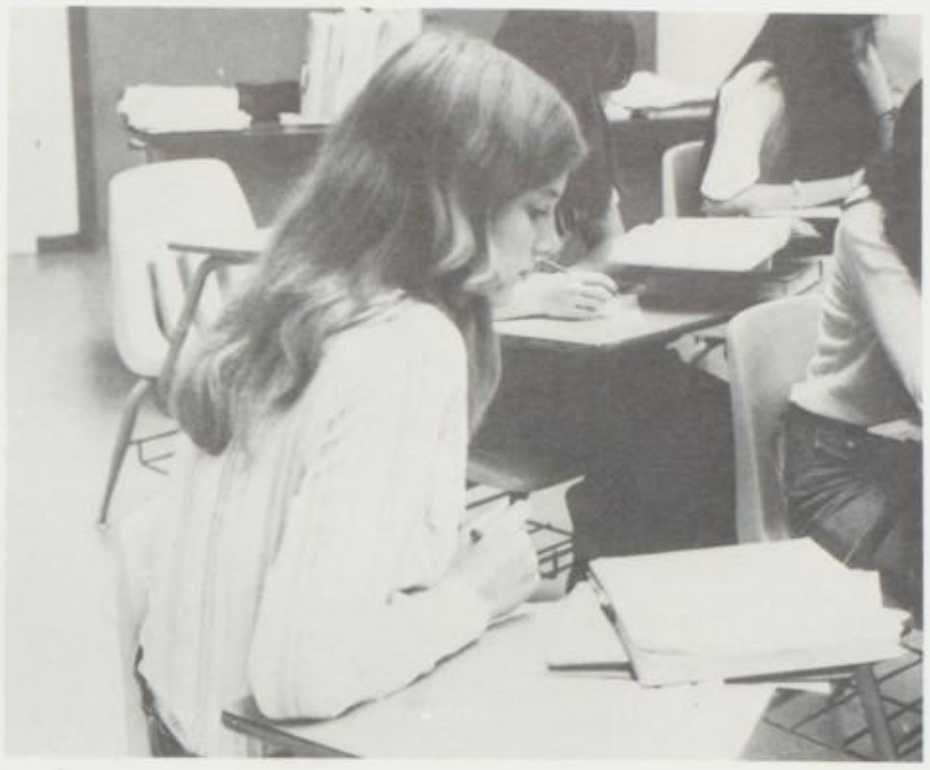
Top Right: One of 648 sophomores taking math year, Lisa Mumma patiently studies a geometric proof. Geometry is one of five math courses offered to sophomores.



Center Left: Post Algebra instructor Mrs. Dale Simmons carefully explains the fundamentals of a difficult algebraic expression. Concepts of Algebra II are utilized in the course.

Center: Language varies from country to country, but mathematics and numbers do not. An Ta, a Vietnamese student, readily adapts to Mrs. Lona Almond's Math V class.

Bottom Left: Algebra II teacher, Mr. H. Earle confronts students daily with logarithms and binomial equations. However, basic paperwork, such as roll, must be accomplished.



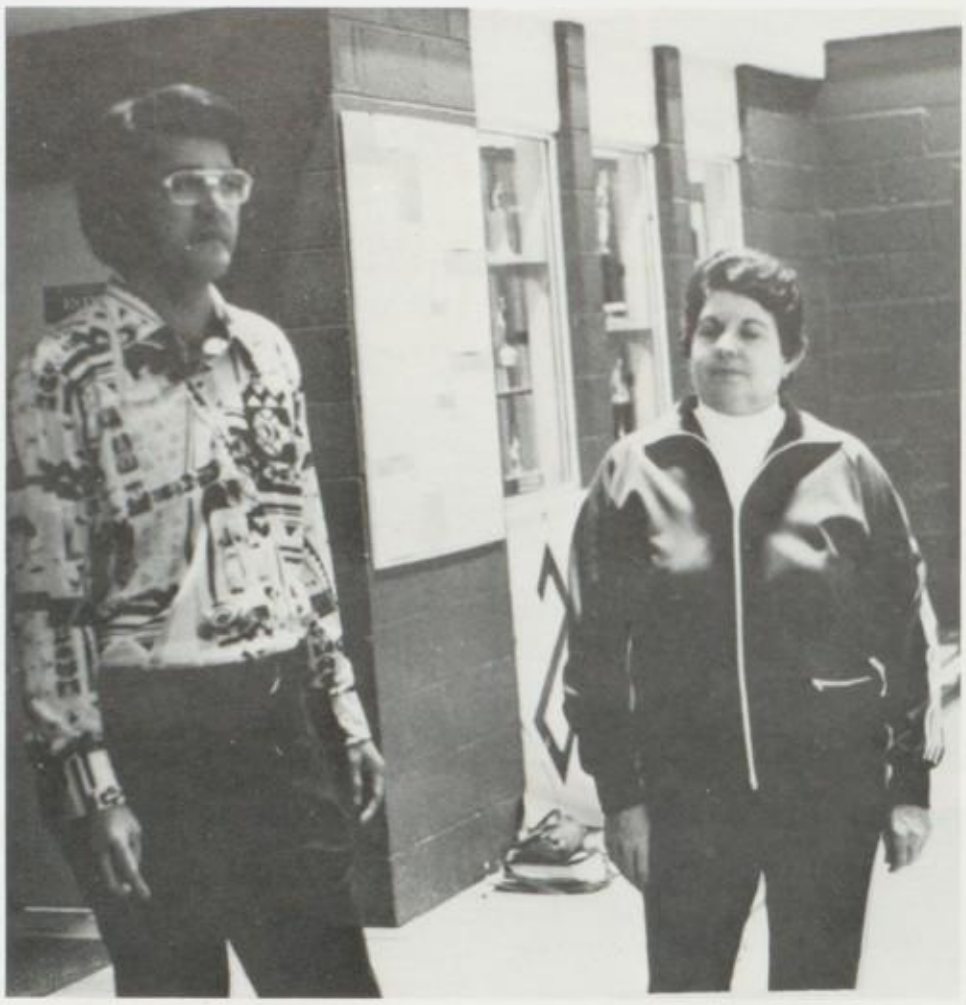
Mini-Calculators Aid, Relieve Math Problems

Will the mini-calculator eventually take over the world? Probably not, but in the advanced math classes it has taken the burden of remembering basic mathematic functions off the student. This has left students free to explore higher concepts without slaving over a long drawn-out division problem.

Mathematics has been with us since the beginning of time and will stay with us forever. Let's face it, it's a fact of life. Who knows where we would be without it? With the advancement of education, more and more high schools, including Choctaw, are offering more advanced math courses. Many Choctaw students themselves are taking more than the one year requirement for math. This year alone, Choctaw had over 1,300 students taking math courses.

"High school math sure has changed since my school days," comments a middle-aged woman. Sure it has! It used to be all a student had to work with was numbers. Now, however, there are letters, imaginary numbers, and infinities which students have to work with and worry about.

Choctaw also offers several basic and practical courses in math such as Business Math and General Math. These courses are designed for the student who doesn't plan on going to college but needs some basic knowledge of math for his vocation.



Top Left: Heads of the new co-ed physical education program at Choctawhatchee, coaches Benny Gabbard and Frances Salter discuss plans for the day's activities.

Top Right: Miss Melody Jackson, head of Girl's Intramurals, looks thoughtful as she uses careful supervision with her P.E. classes. It takes patience to be a coach.

Center Left: Two P.E. students enjoy playing badminton in the gym, especially when the weather is cold outside. Indoor sports also include ping-pong and volleyball.

Bottom Center: Mr. Jones instructs the Modern Jazz Ensemble in a practice session. It takes a lot to be a good jazz band and these people seem to have what it takes.

Bottom Right: The voice is truly an art, with the proper training and technique. This is proven not only in Girls' Chorus, but in the other Choctaw choruses also.

CHS Classes Promote Individual Development

Both Choctaws' band and chorus are well known and highly envied performing groups in this area. These products of the Music Department prove the excellence of the husband-and-wife teaching team of Jimmy and Mary Jones. This department is the largest at Choctaw with a total of 450 students. The Contemporary Singers, better known as the Madrigals, is an exciting singing group of the chorus here at Choctaw. The Modern Jazz Ensemble is one of the best jazz groups in the area.

With the many classes that have new ideas, P.E. must have the best. Along with an innovative course known as Body Building, the classes have become Co-ed. With the classes co-ed, both sexes can associate with each other in various P.E. courses. Body Building stresses the building of the muscles. Along with these new ideas there is the standard course such as Archery or Tennis. The regular ones are still favorites too.

Outside Observations Increase Enrollment

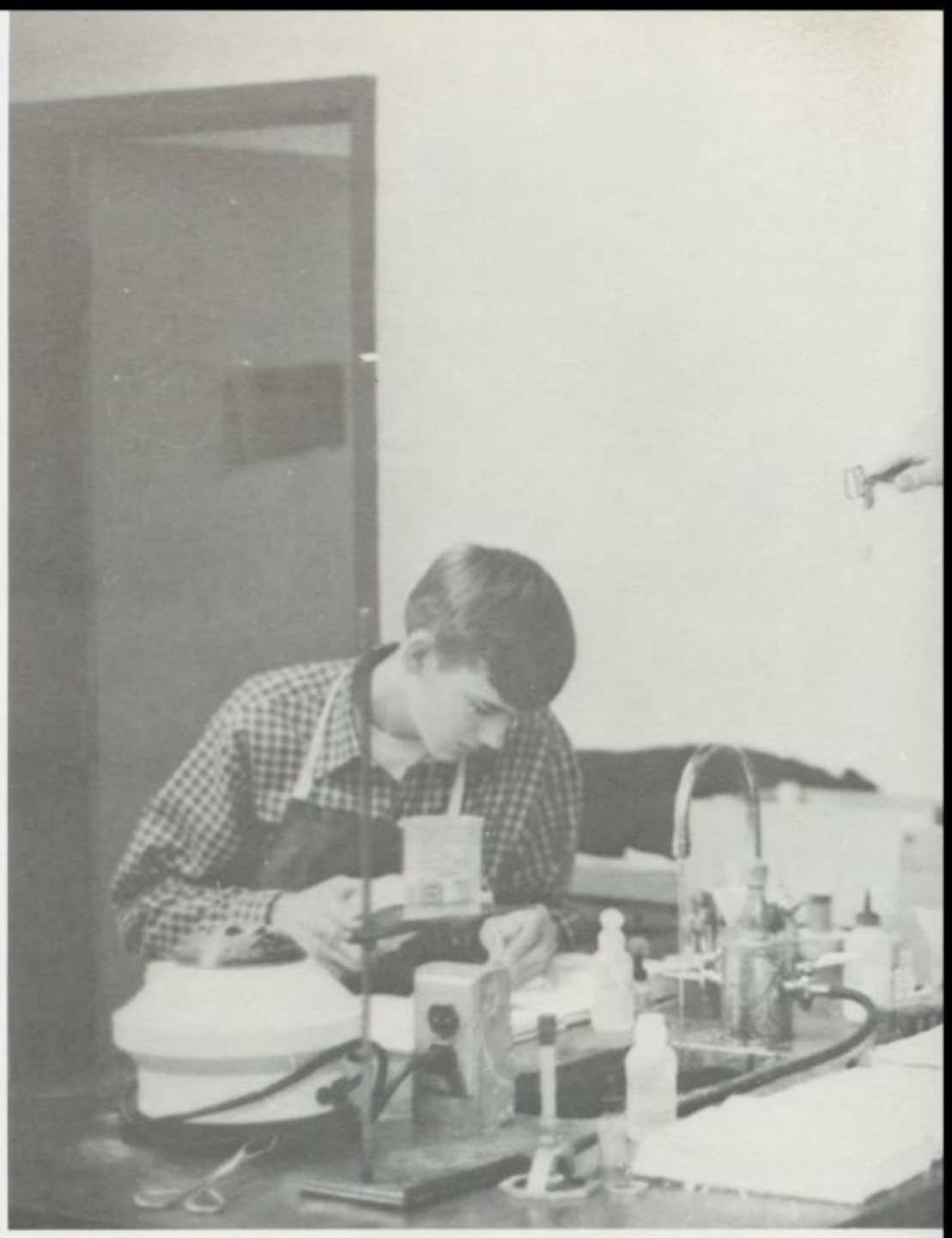
Science was more than just studying a book for most students this year. New experiences were in store for the advanced students.

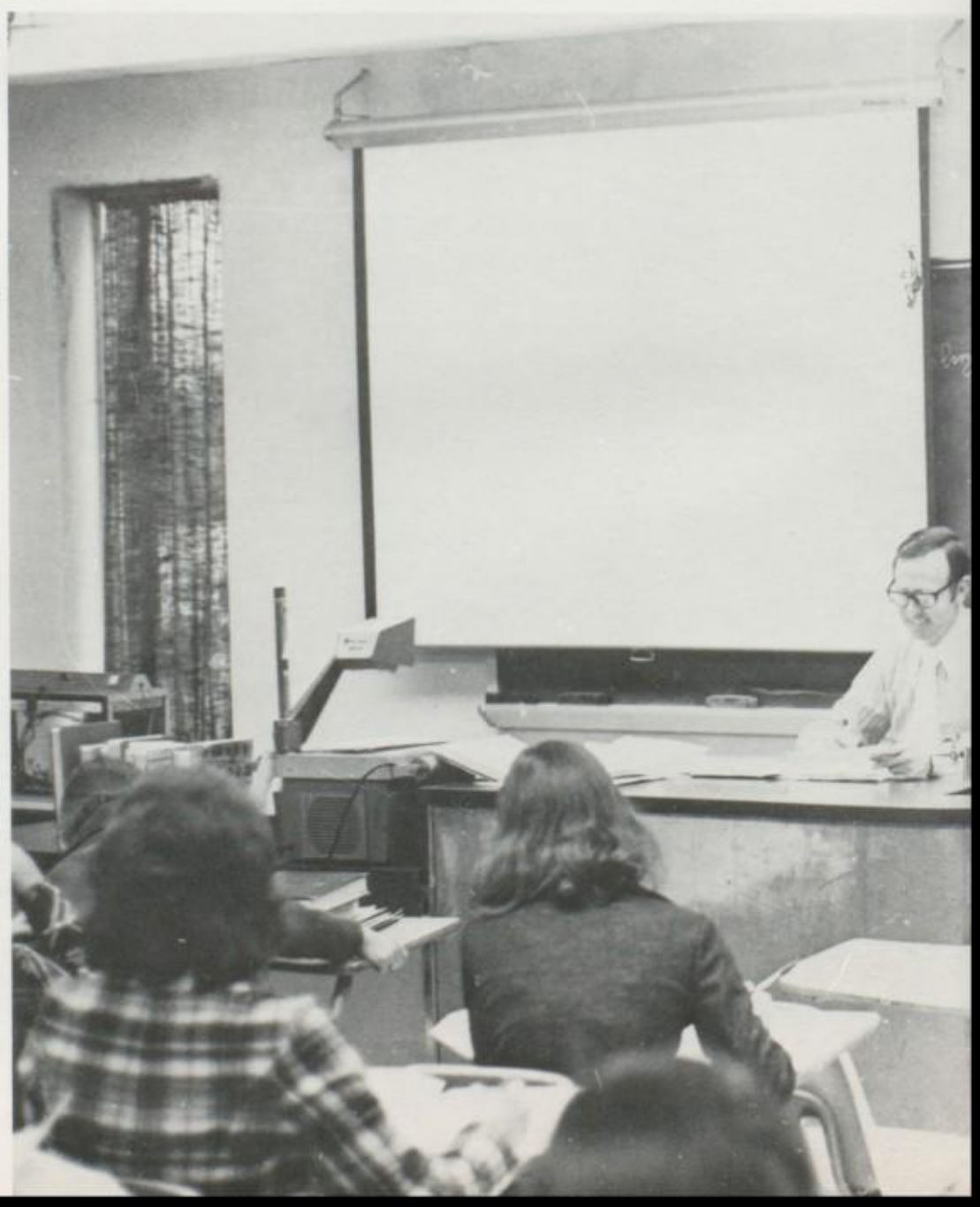
The ecological system was investigated by the Biology II students at Timber Lake. A few acres of land provided the students with the forest, a lake, wildlife, and streams which they needed for their experiments. It also gave them the opportunity to research the surroundings; to record and classify the water, soil, nutrients, and all signs of life. Enlightened with the idea of going out into the wilderness, students were very eager to go to science class, which was very different from last year's student attitudes.

Most sophomores seemed to enroll instantly in science to eliminate the burden of the one-year science requirement. Botany appeared to be the most popular course among the enrollees. However, the course was considered the most difficult class. Nearly all the students would have rather learned about plants, than mess with the involved study of vertebrates and invertebrates.

There were many other courses in which students could have enrolled, each offering some other type of science such as, Chemistry or Human Anatomy.

Science was full of adventures, but to some it was just another course for credit.





Center Left: Mrs. Varner is in her second year of teaching the study of biology. Students are excited to learn the theory of genetics, and study different types of life.

Bottom Center: Botany appears to be most popular among sophomores. Activities such as lab work, lecture, and reports are different ways to explain botanical theories.

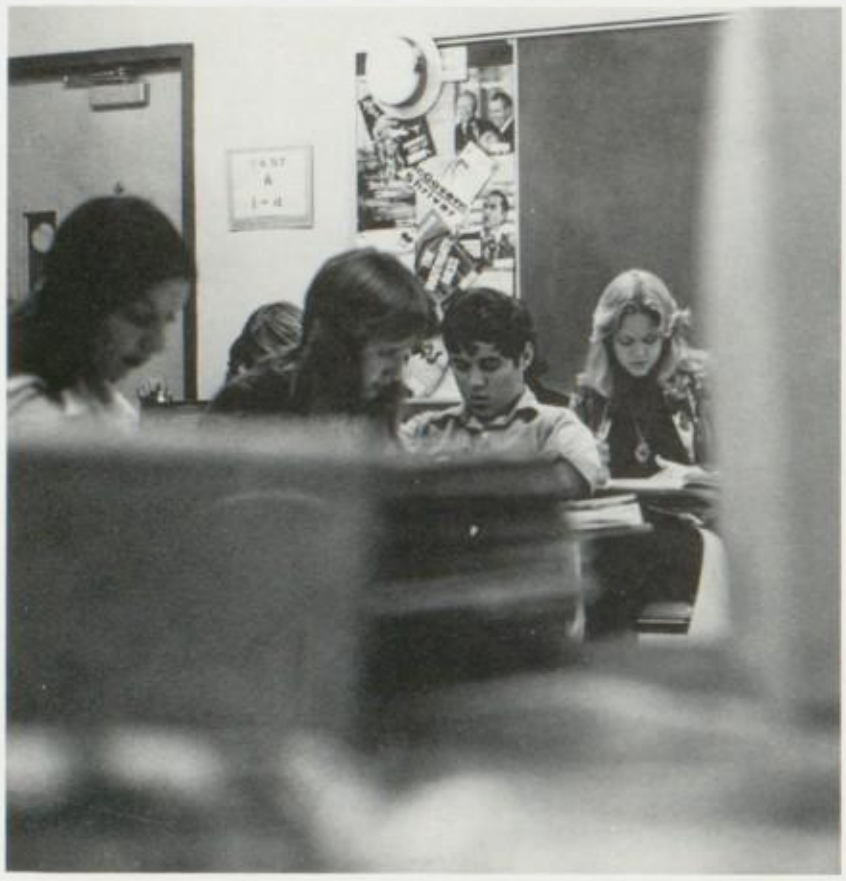
Top Center: Chemistry II students are given quantities of unknown chemicals which they, on their own, must analyze and test to determine what type of chemical it is.

The Choctaw Science instructors are: FRONT ROW: Mr. Graham and Mrs. Brock. BACK ROW: Mr. Ledoux, Mr. Landingham, Ms. Shaner, Mr. Cupstid and Mr. Sheffield.

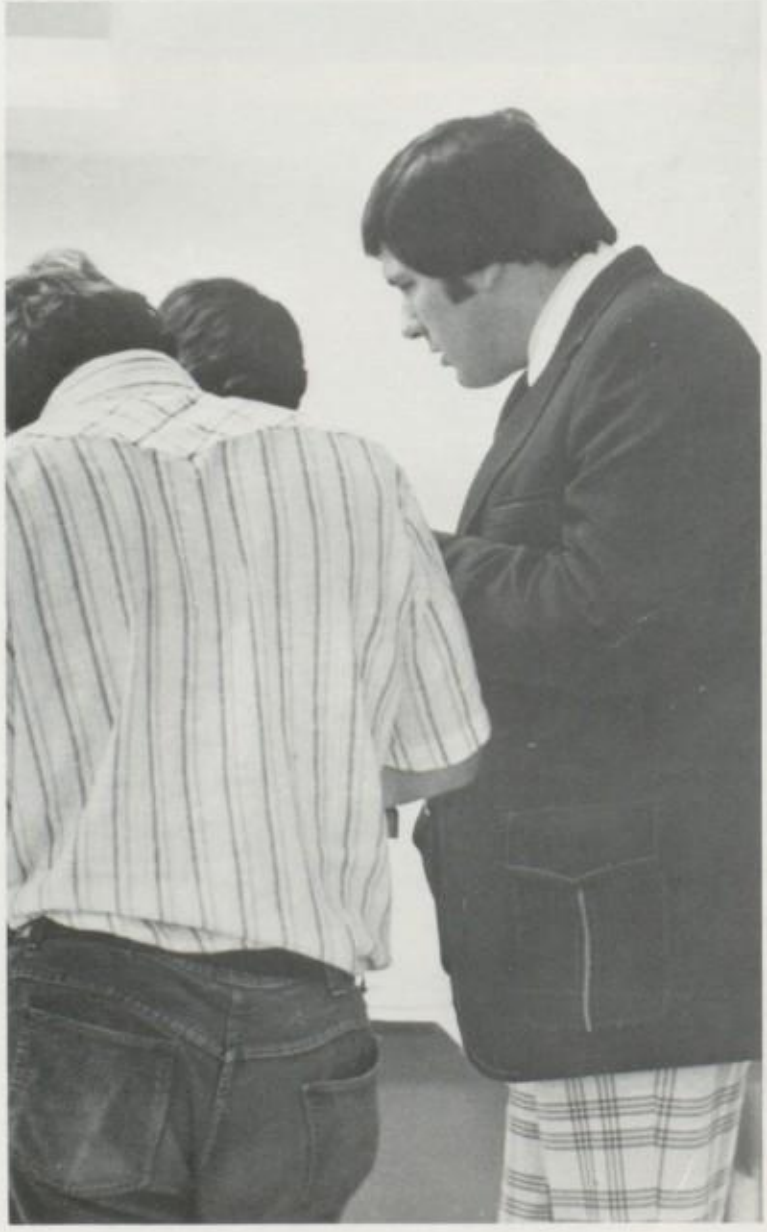
Center Left: During a period of chemistry, students have equipment such as this Bunsen burner at their disposal. Students are free to use this equipment, but with precautions.

Top Left: In CPS, students are made aware of the upcoming 1976 election. Along with this, students are also made aware of the different types of governments world wide.

Bottom Center: Mr. Kyzer, an expert in political affairs, enjoys discussing or even arguing his point. Caution – Put head in gear before putting mouth in motion, he knows his stuff.



FRONT ROW: Mrs. Hinshelwood, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. Kyzer, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Bradley. BACK ROW: Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Lefebvre.



Bicentennial Enhances Idea Of America's Past

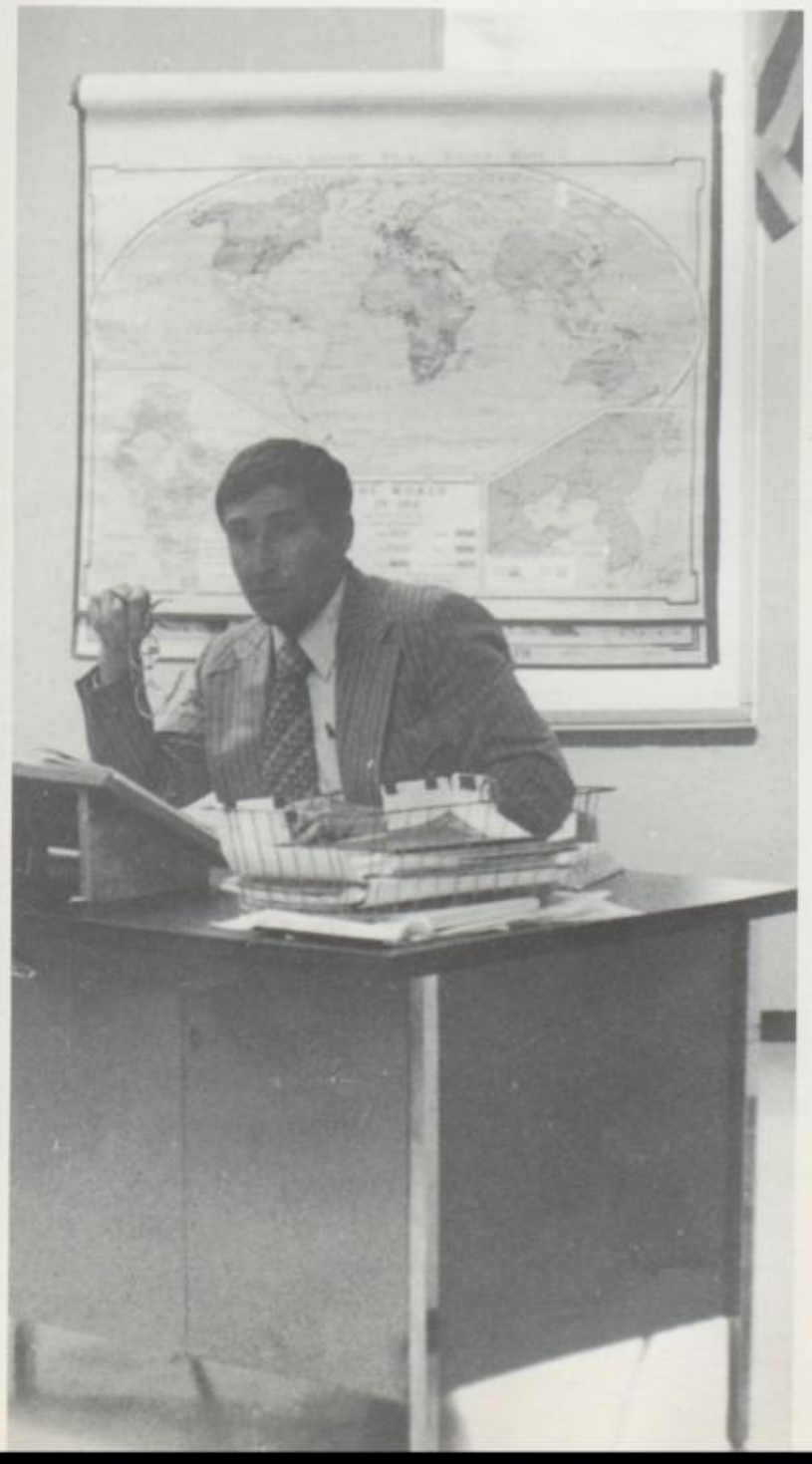
Social Science appeared to be more interesting since this was the Bicentennial year. The instructors and students participated in learning more about America's past history.

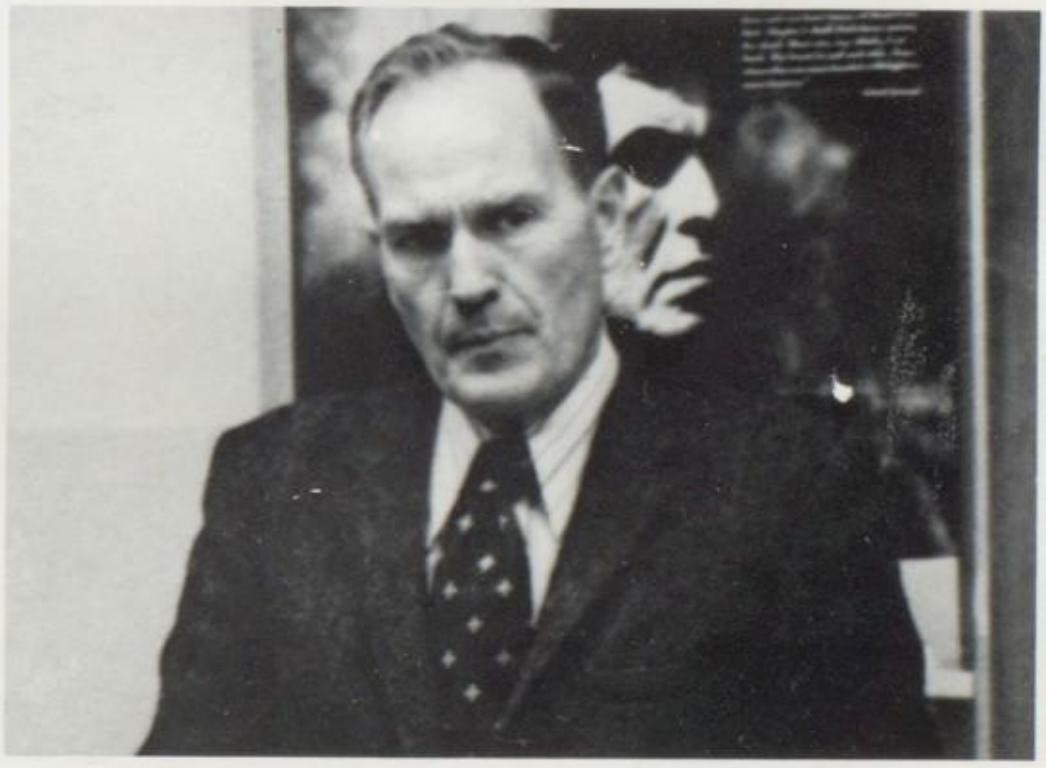
It seemed like every Social Science class got involved in America's birthday. Teachers stressed the importance of watching the Bicentennial specials on television. Many teachers requested that their students watch these as homework assignments.

Another advantage to department was the television guide of Bicentennial specials which was read from the morning bulletins.

One of the classes introduced into the Social Science was Sociology, the study of group behavior. A large portion of the course was spent on the family life section which made students aware of family responsibilities. This preview outlook of life enabled students to be more equipped to face problems they will encounter in the future.

Social Science gave students the basics of history and of world perspective. Also, they learned to have an understanding of geography and of human behavior through the study of Psychology and the study of Sociology.





Top Center: Current Affairs deals in present day problems of the world. Students' reports and compositions range from political misdeeds to juvenile delinquency.

Center Right: Fulton Smith, throughout the year, works diligently to keep such a large department organized and still teach his American History classes.

Bottom Right: Mr. Lefebvre, a new teacher of Social Science, teaches World History and World Geography. Most students take it for the 1/2 credit required for graduation.

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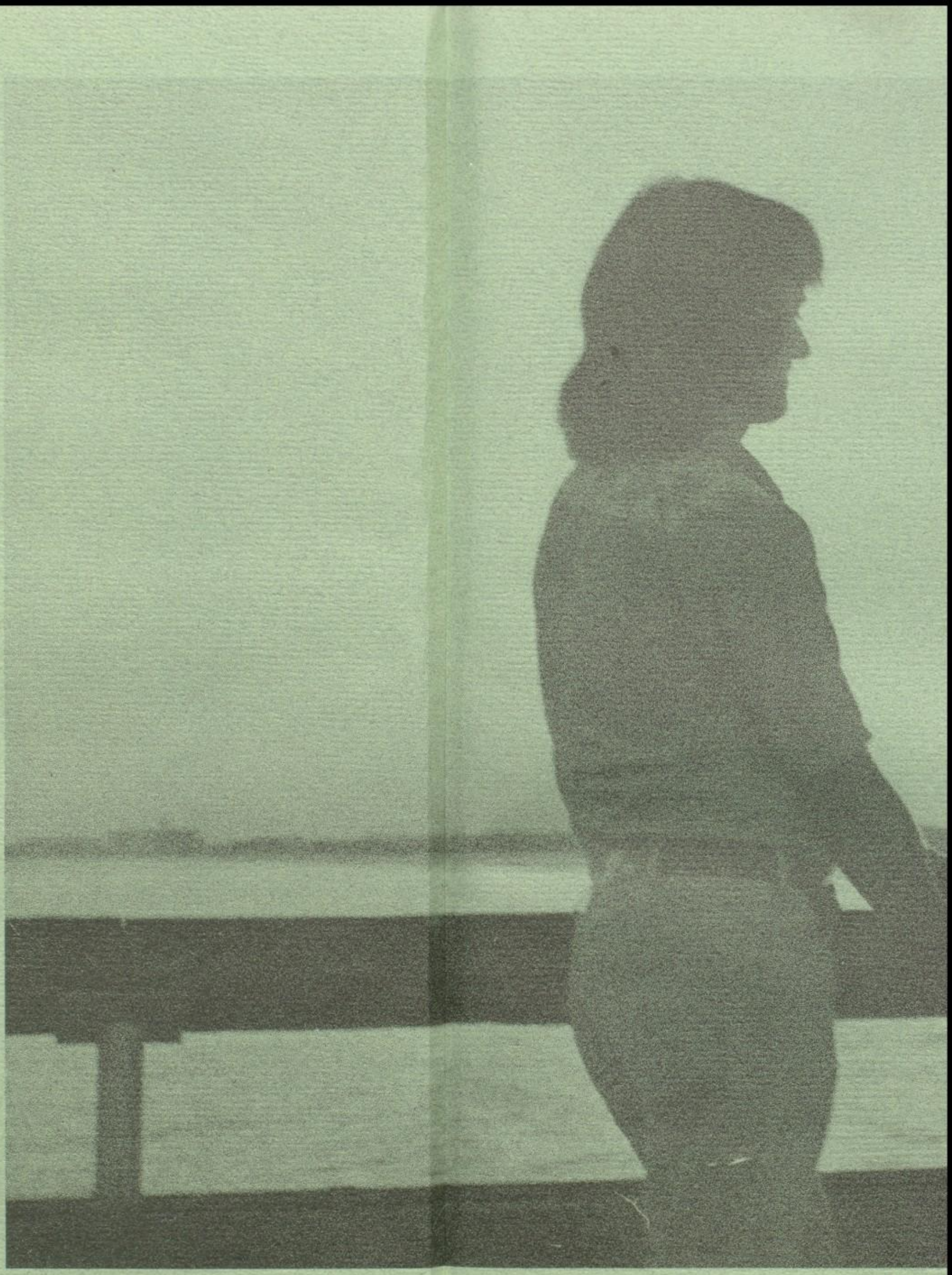

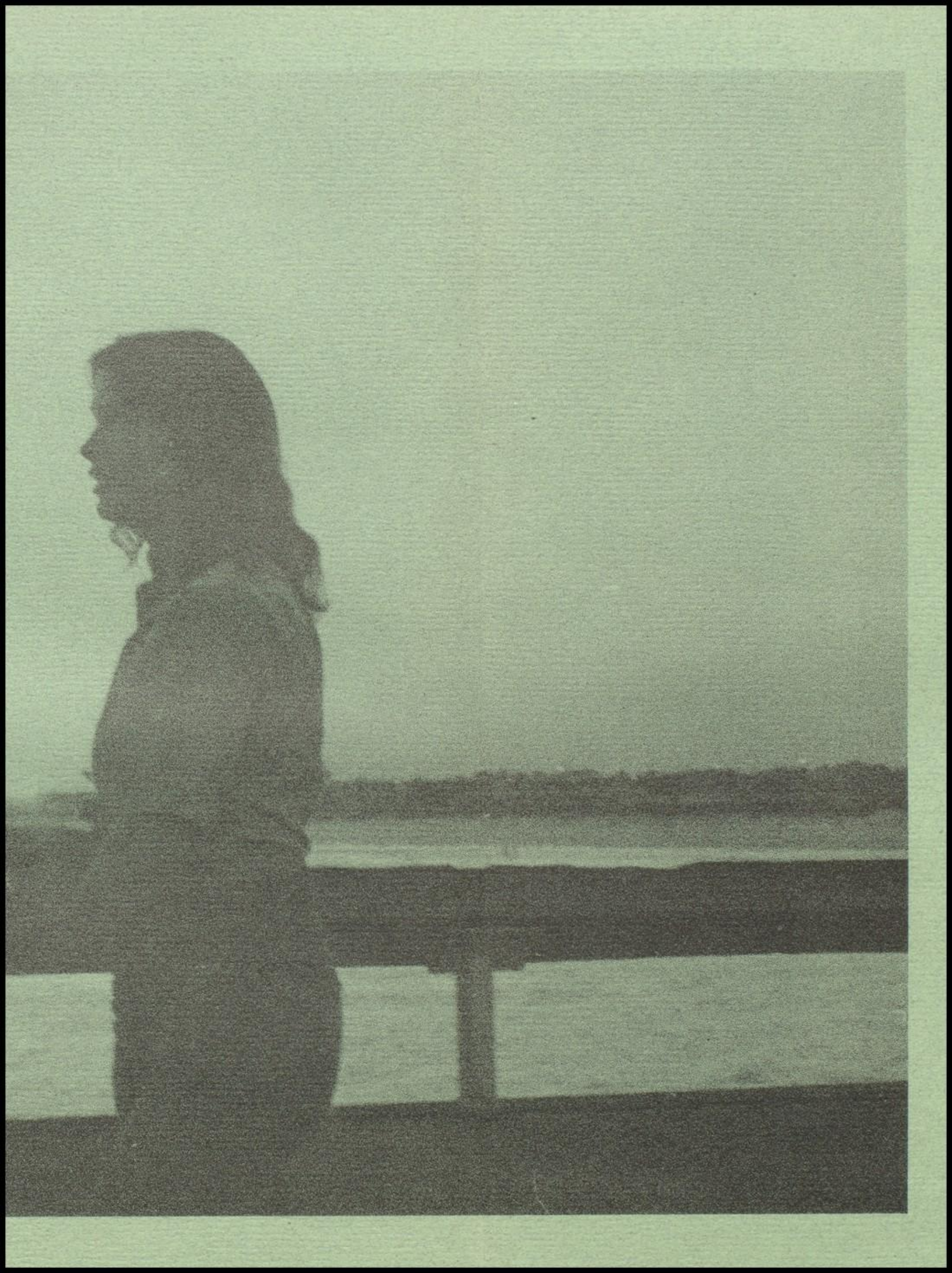

Two thousand students, the beginning of a world yet to develop. Our elders tell us we are the promise of tomorrow; our teachers tell us something quite different. We attend school together fostering a deep respect for one another, revelling in the success of our friends. We choose to call ourselves Big Green Indians building on the heritage it contains. Within this tradition also lies the promises of tomorrow in which students look actively forward. Anticipating a bright future are—

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SENIORS

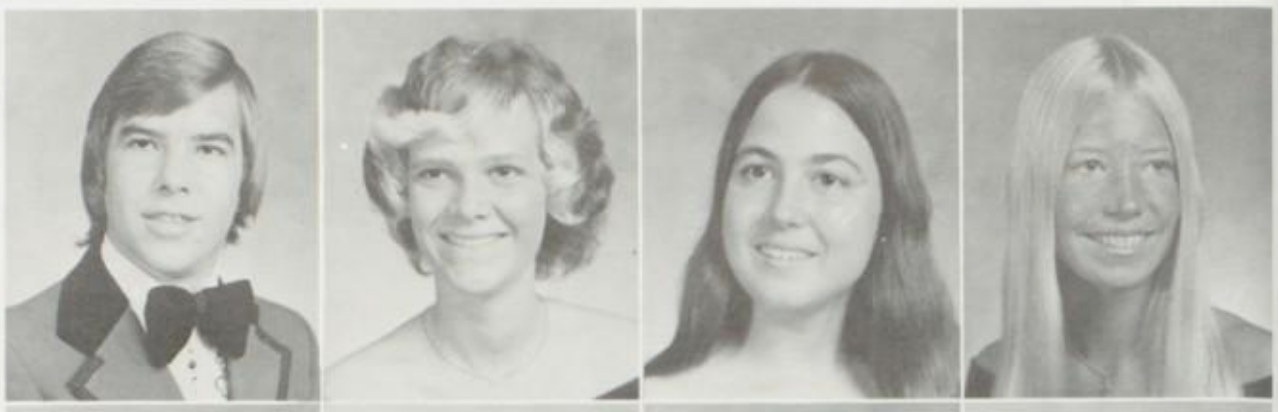
"Now that I'm a senior I have that look of a mature, sophisticated adult."
"That's funny, I thought it was conceit!"

"Are you a senior?"
"Is there anything else?"
"Are you human?"
"No, I told you I'm a senior!"

They are those 571 boisterous, pushy, overbearing, ridiculous —

SENIORS

David Abbott
Debbie Abney
Nancy Adams
Lissa Adamson



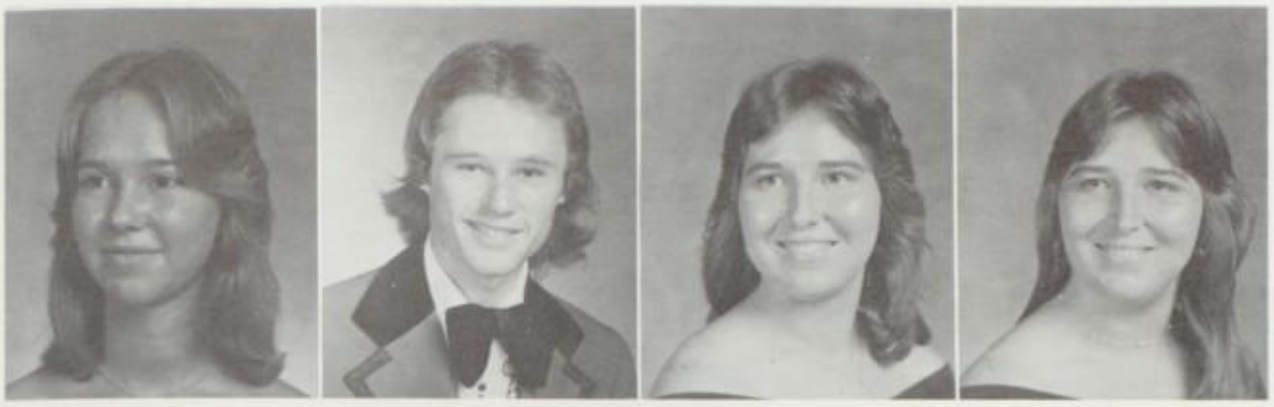
James Alderman
Jeff Allen
Val Allison
Don Alonzo

Susie Anderson
Debbie Anderson
Kenn Anderson
Jim Angelo

David Applegate
Bruce Armbrester
Mike Arnold
Victor Arnold

Linda Ash
Linda Ashe
Denise Bailey
Randy Bailey

Randy Banks
Joe Bannon
Donna Baril
Larry Barker



Jill Barker
Ed Barnett
Barbie Barrow
Bobi Barrow

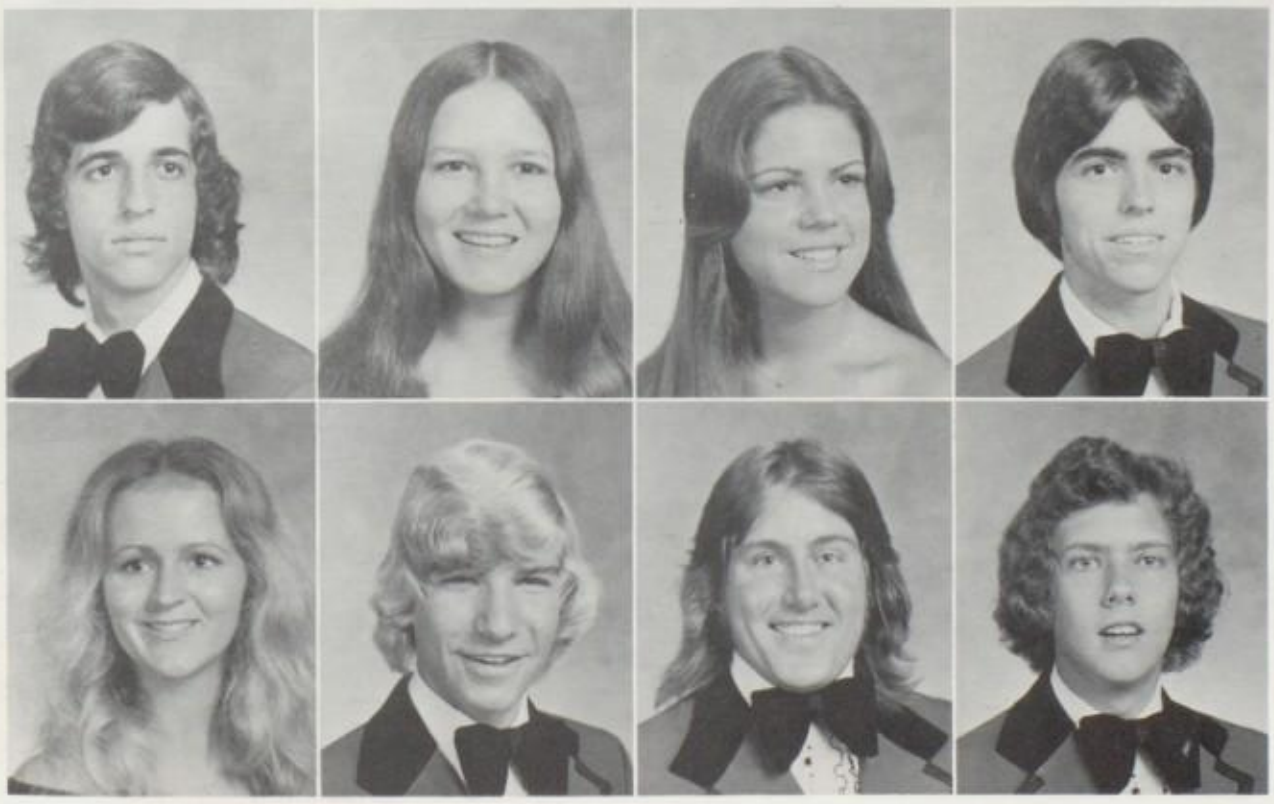
Spirited Senior Indians Chosen By Students

For the first time in the history of Choctawhatchee, an election was held to determine the "Ten Most Spirited Indians." The election was sponsored by Senior Tri-Hi-Y. The ten chosen were Naomi Spears, Cheri Smith, Janet Galloway, Bev McPhail, Mike Womble, Steve Peterman, John Cherniga, Steve Hall, Larry Barker, and Barry Jones.

Requirements for selection included good leadership qualities, showing spirit, being involved in school activities, and being a representative of the student body. Only cheerleaders were excluded.

Sr. Tri-Hi-Y felt the competition was worthwhile, and planned to make it a Choctaw tradition.

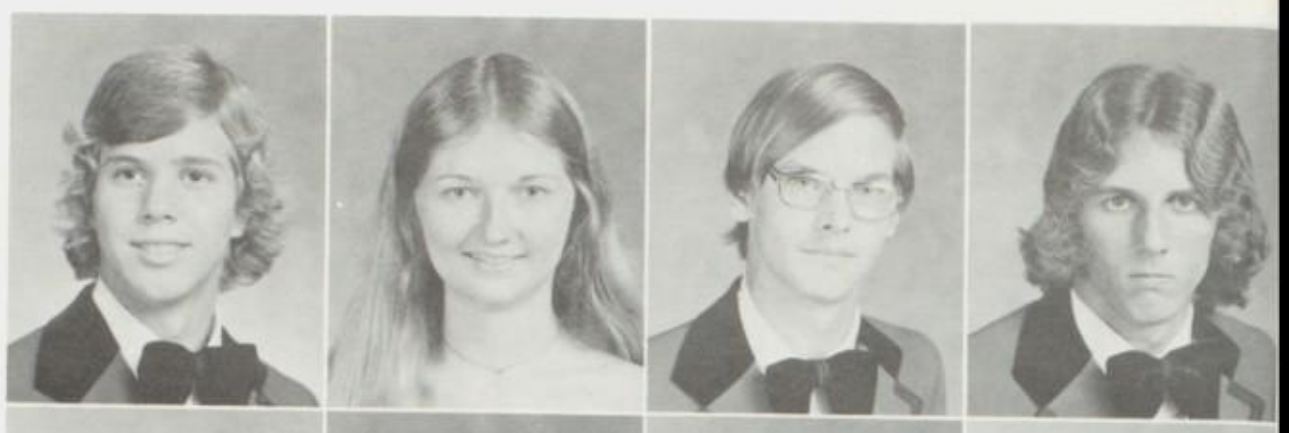
Pictured below the outline of the gym spirit mural are the "Mob Squad"; John, Cheri, Naomi, Bev, Janet, Steve, Larry, Steve, Barry, and Mike, that "Spirited" crew.



David Barton
Diane Bass
Debbie Bayer
Bobby Bayne

Gwen Bazan
Gary Becker
Danny Bell
Craig Bennett

Bruce Berg
Cathy Berry
Roy Bertram
Bruce Beville



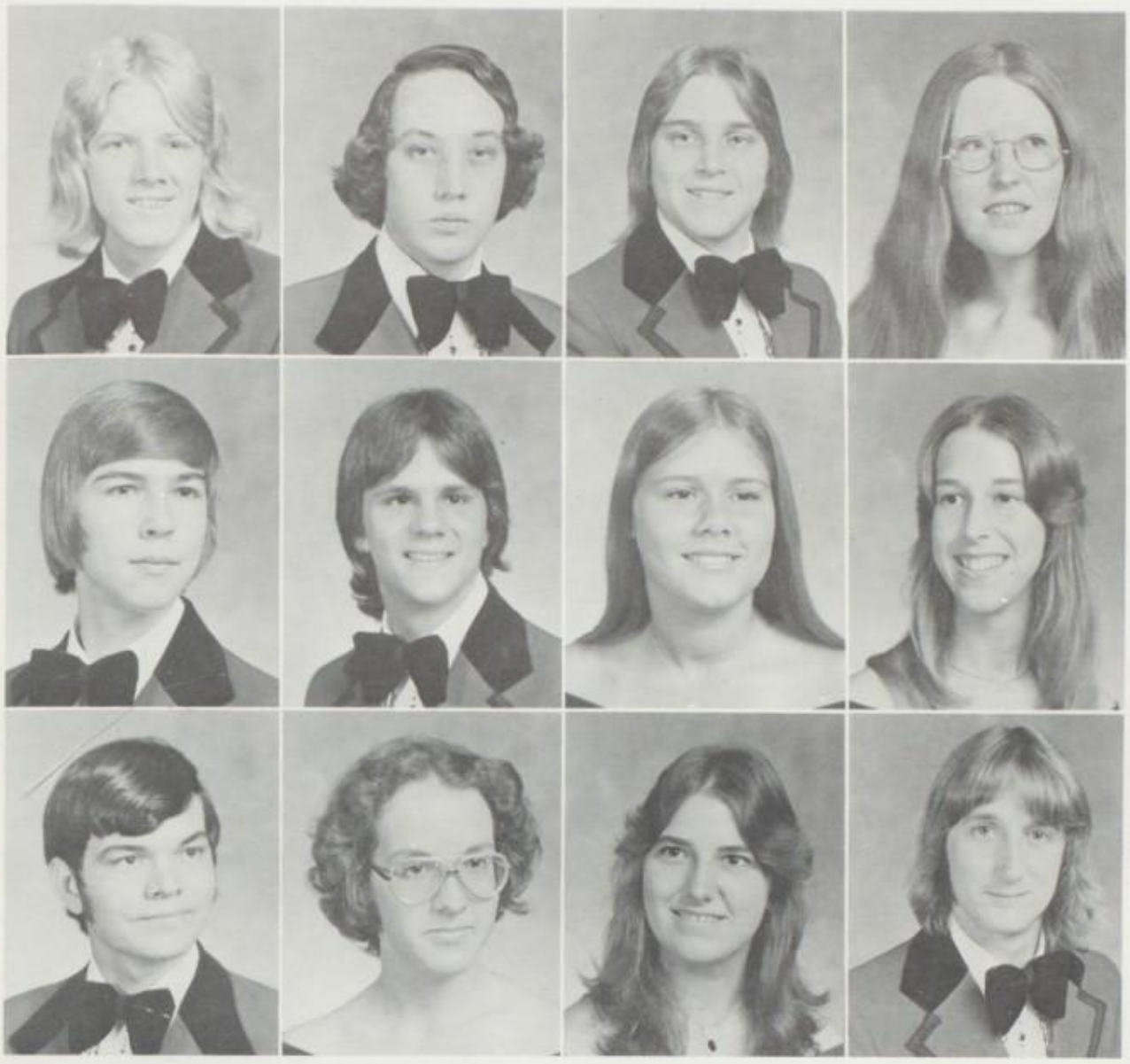
Sue Birkner
Nancy Bixby
Stacie Blizzard
Angela Bludworth

Shirley Bolden
David Boning
Patty Borden
George Bosnake

Ken Boulay
Chuck Boudreau
Kay Bowling
Mike Bowyer

Mark Boyd
Mary Branch
Jeff Bresee
Lisa Bridges

Marguerita Brigance
Tina Brockman
Bobby Brown
Jerry Brown



Robert Brown
Pat Bryson
Philip Buck
Sandra Bullock

Scott Bures
Jerry Cappadona
Jan Carpenter
Kelly Carter

Tony Cartmell
Cathy Cassell
Diane Chandler
Allen Chapman

Baker's Dozen Chosen Most Deserving For '76

As in the previous years, the faculty and senior class selected a group of seniors who they believed were worthy of the honorary title of Deserving Dozen. The 60 teacher nominees were placed before the senior class and then voted upon. Due to a tie, a baker's dozen was chosen. Six of the thirteen were John Stercho, Steve Hall. Janet Galloway, Jill Barker, John Cherniga.

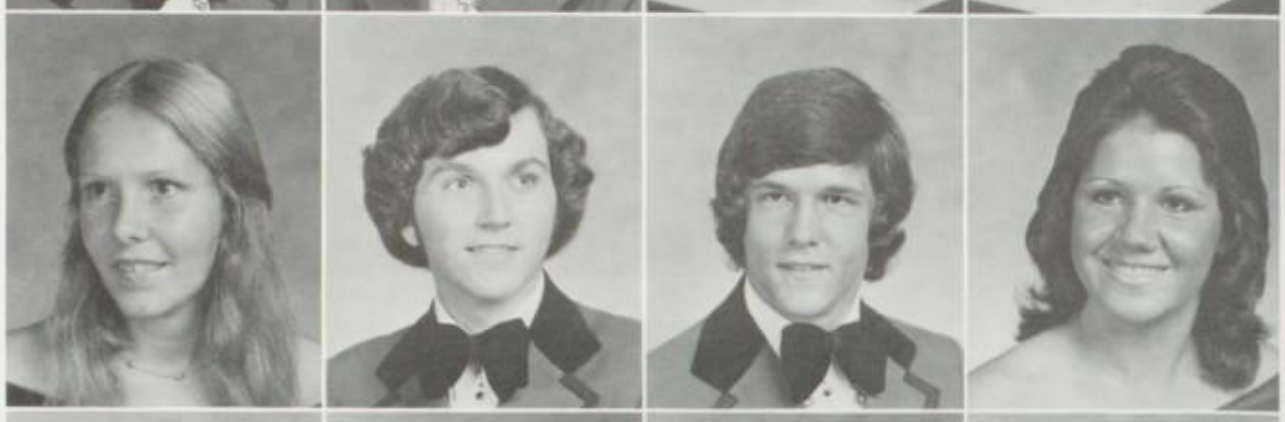
The students were selected on the basis of academic excellence and aide to their school through extra-curricular activities.

Sponsoring the traditional selection, the Tomahawk staff offered this honorary award to these outstanding Choctaw seniors.

One half of the Deserving Dozen, John Stercho, Jill Baker, Janet Galloway, Steve Hall, and John Cherniga, show much Choctaw spirit as they form the V-for-victory sign.

John Cherniga
David Chestnut
Cheri Childers
Laura Ciemnicki

Maureen Clancy
Jim Clark
John Clark
Marta Clark

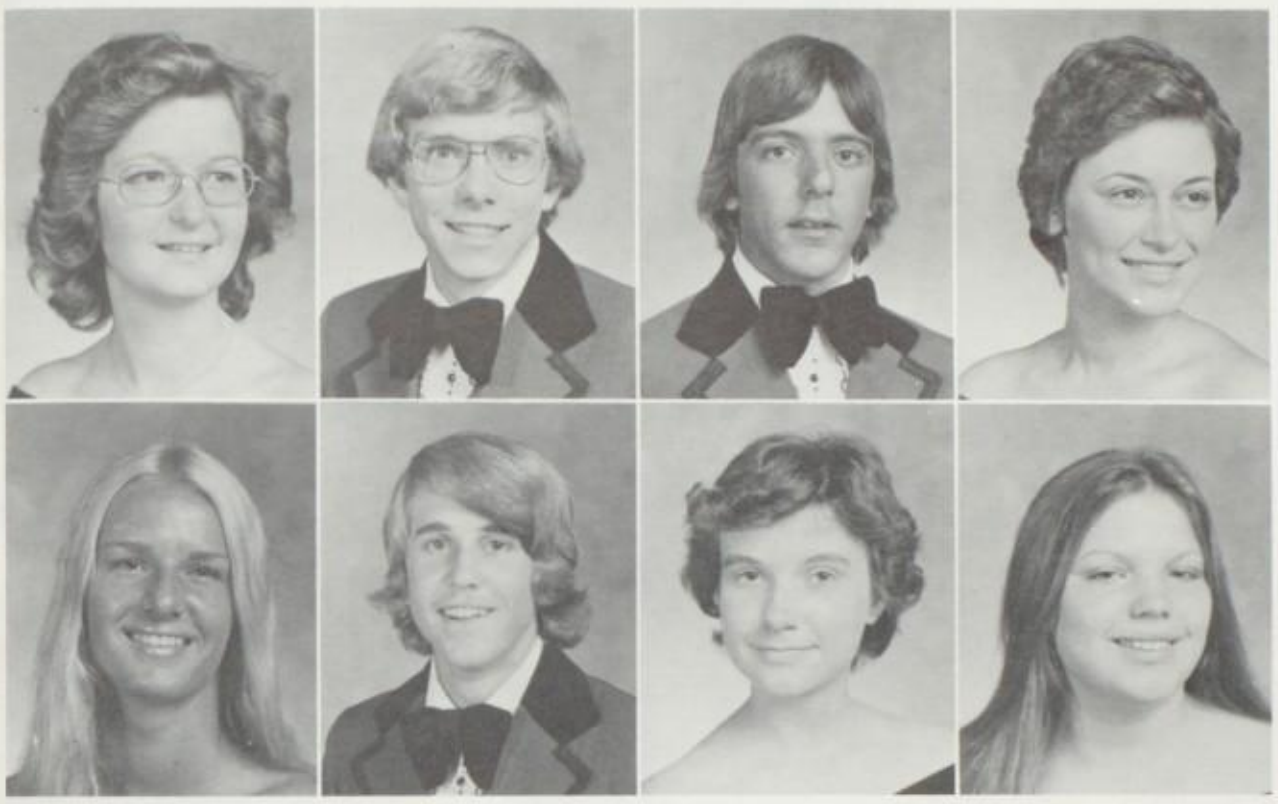


Sherri Blaybrone
Dru Coleman
Debbie Collins
Charles Cooley

Wayne Cornutt
Sharon Cosgrove
Jami Costin
Dan Coupe

Rick Cox
Tami Cox
Cathy Cray
Tim Craft

Belinda Craig
Mark Crawley
Michelle Cromer
Karen Cudney



Carole DalSanto
Steve Darling
Richard Davies
Patty Davis

Debra Dean
Mark DeForest
Dannette Delaney
June Dempsey

Ten Girls Selected For "Most Beautiful" Title

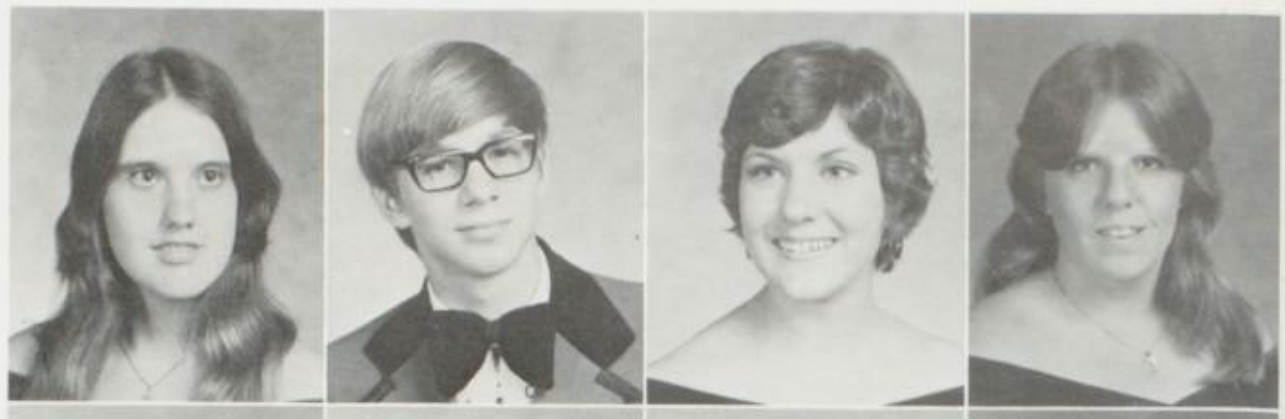
Among the many qualities today's young woman was expected to have were the traditional beauty, charm, poise and personality. But for the elections, extracurricular contributions were as valuable as the others.

Many of the ten Senior lovelies participated in such activities as varsity cheerleading; or Thalians; CBE or Entre Nous, several of Choctaw's interest or service clubs. In the organizations these ladies effectively held positions of leadership and helped further "Choctaw Pride".

Cindy Vega, Lyn Roesler, Jerri Poore, and Julianna Van Swearingen were selected as representatives of the modern, poised young woman.

Cindy Vega, Lyn Roesler, Jerri Poore and Julianna Van Swearingen display the beauty that made them top selection for Senior Beauties during the 1975-76 school year.

Belinda Derifield
Dennis Derouin
Karen Dilda
Nancy Dillon



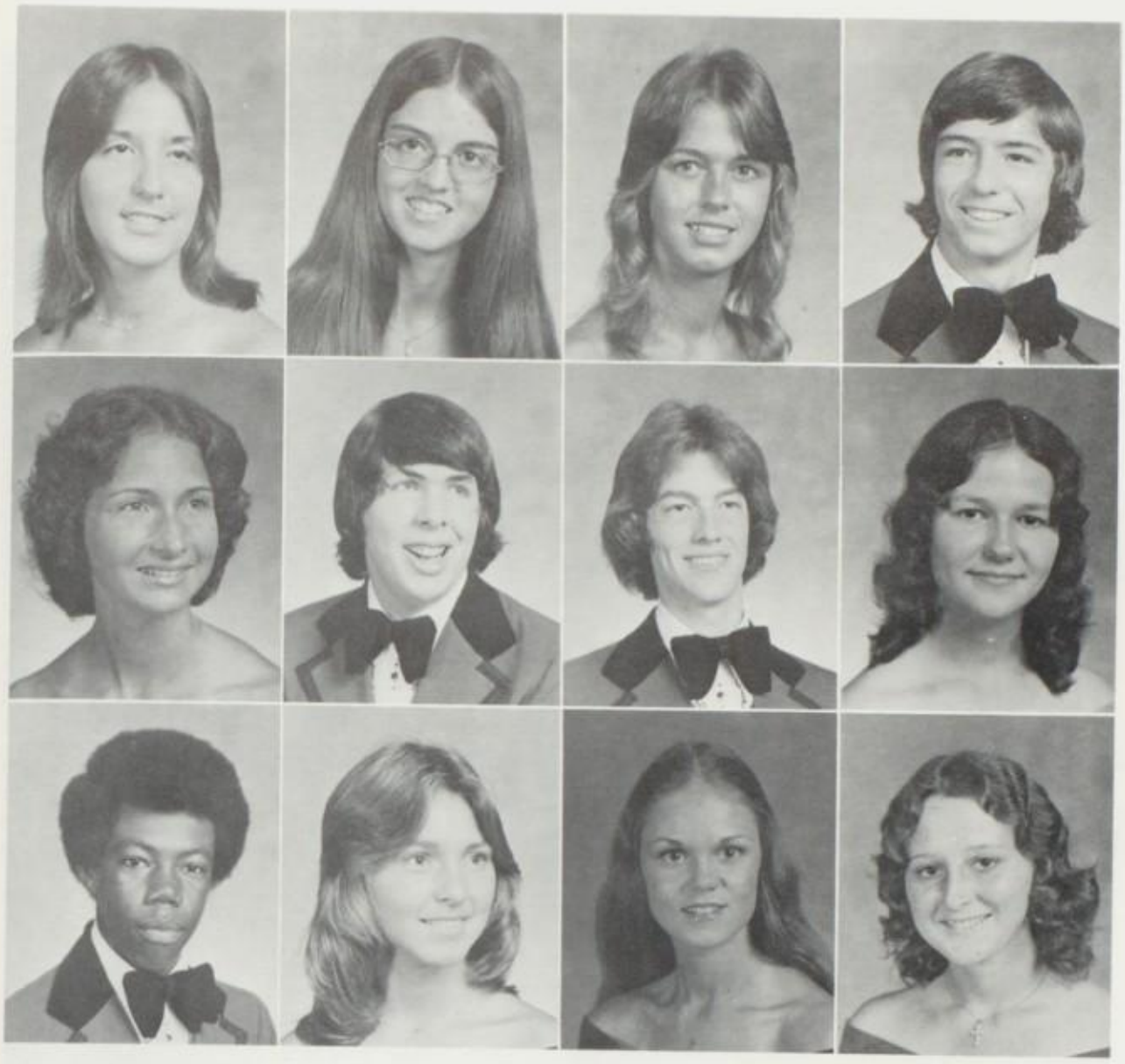
Kevin Dillon
Marylin Dixon
Ron Dockery
Debbie Donovan

Joe Donovan
Brenda Dotson
Bobby Dougan
Deanna Duff

Doug Duke
Kevin Durben
Mark Dyke
Ron Dyke

Mike Early
Tim Earle
David Encardes
Dennis Ericson

Diane Erving
Gail Evans
Leslie Fails
Robbie Fendick



Val Fendrick
Sandy Fields
Kathy Filer
Jerome Fikes

Lisa Filion
David Fitzpatrick
Greg Flanagan
Leslie Fleagle

Willie Florence
Debbie Floyd
Tammy Fortenberry
Vickie Foster

Senior Class Elects Very Capable Officers

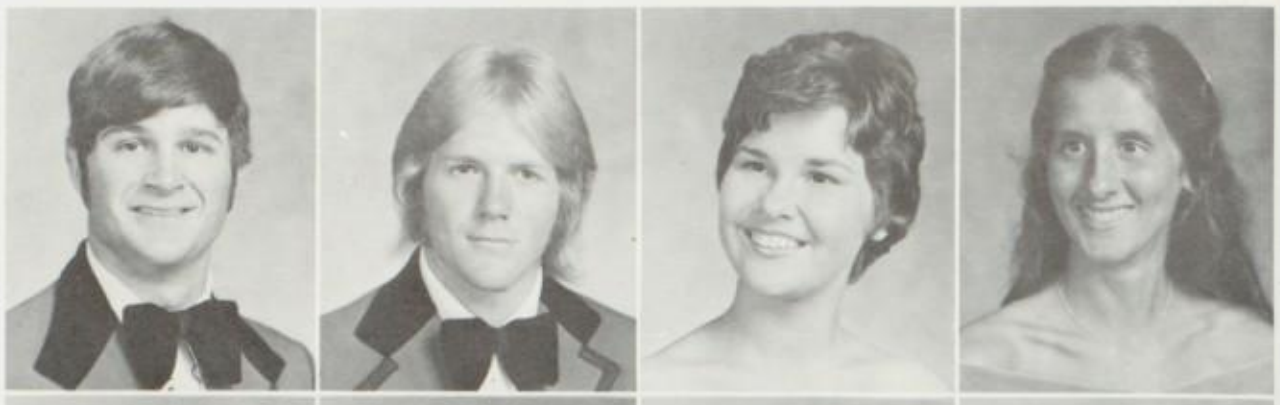
At the beginning of each year the hallways of CHS are plastered with campaign posters for class elections. As campaigning reaches its peak on Friday, the entire school is ready for the morning of elections.

On election day, each class was separated to listen to speeches. Meeting out in the stadium, seniors heard each candidate relating his plans for the year before voting.

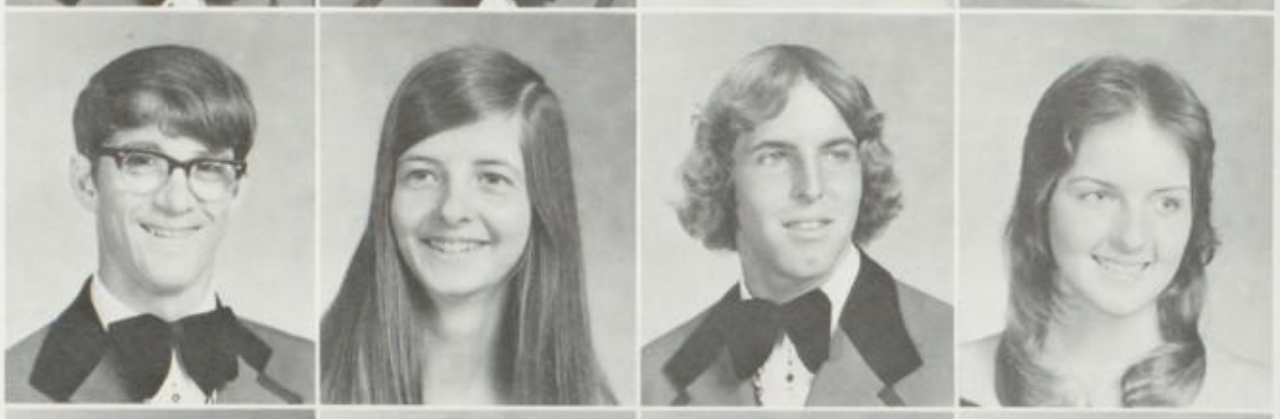
This year's participation made the choice hard and results close. The final results were Steve Hall, president; Deanna Duff, vice president; Dru Coleman, secretary; Jeff Myers, treasurer; and Jami Costin, historian. Sponsor of the class this year was Mrs. Randi Friese.

Jami Costin, Dru Coleman, and president Steve Hall, who worked hard this year, take a break from the hustle and bustle of managing the 595 seniors in this year's class.

Gary Fowler
Jim Frazier
Vicky Freeman
Patty Fritz



Joe Frosch
Karen Fugua
Dennis Furber
Janet Galloway



Joe Galluzzi
Debbie Garner
Greg Garner
Tommy Garner

Karen Garrison
Elaine Garrison
Chaelyne Gatlin
David Giesking

Jennifer Gilbert
Mike Gilmore
Mickie Giroux
Gay Glass

Bruce Gleneck
Bobby Glover
David Glowa
Ron Godwin

George Gollehon
Jullie Golden
Lil Goldsmith
Luke Gontarek

Jim Gooch
Connie Good
Sandy Goodall
Annette Goodkin

Reminiscent Seniors Remark About School

During the last few weeks of school, all students suffer with that yearly epidemic, "senioritis".

A few seniors remarked:

Janice Wright: "My last years at CHS have been really great."

Fraser Sherman: "The last one was best!"

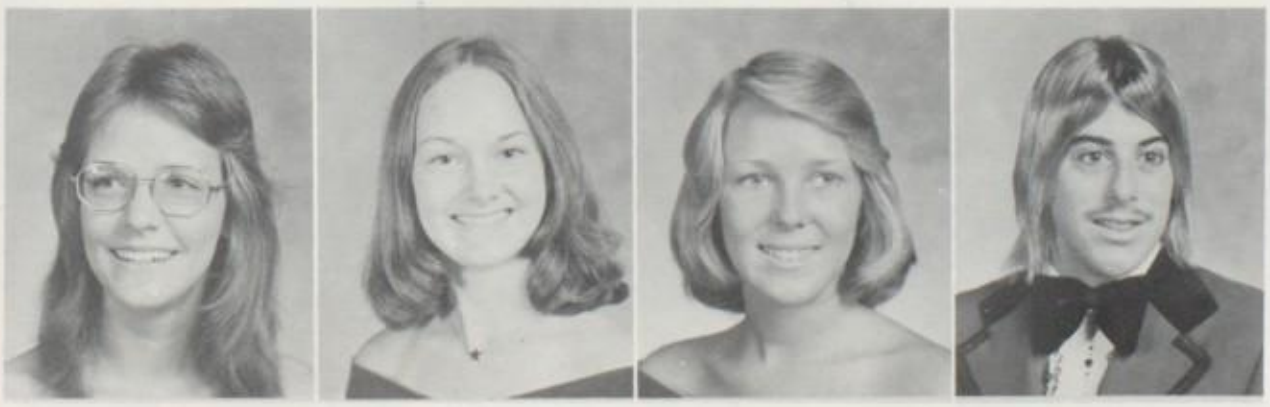
Roy Bertram: "I look at life at Choctaw as a stepping stone."

Lisa Harris: "Choctaw has been a foundation to build my life on."

Blinda Craig: "The years at CHS have been great and I wish I could stay."

Many seniors said looking forward to graduation kept them going, as thoughts turned to leaving CHS and responsibility of adults out on their own for the first time.

Lisa Harris, Janice Wright, Roy Bertram and Berta Paprocki gather around outside Choctaw to swap tales of old memories as they look to the future and graduation.



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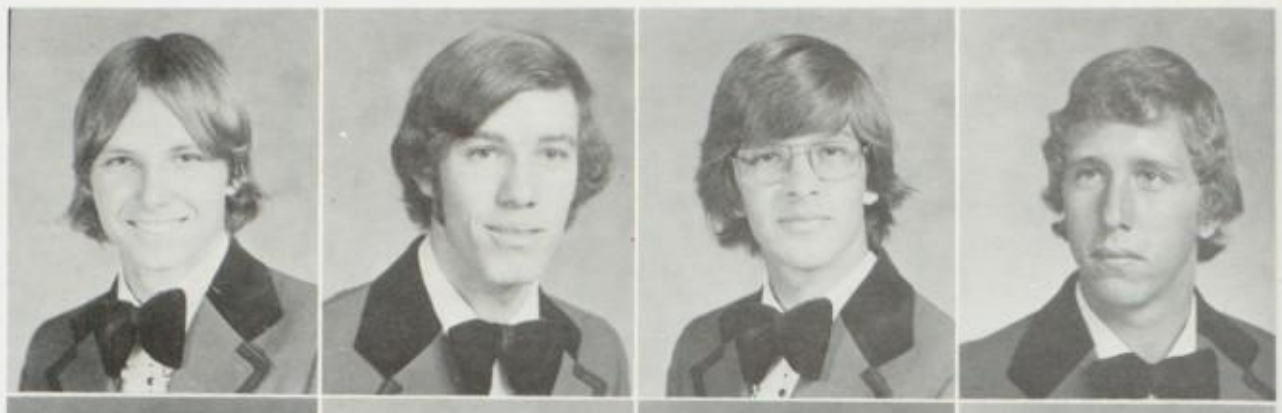

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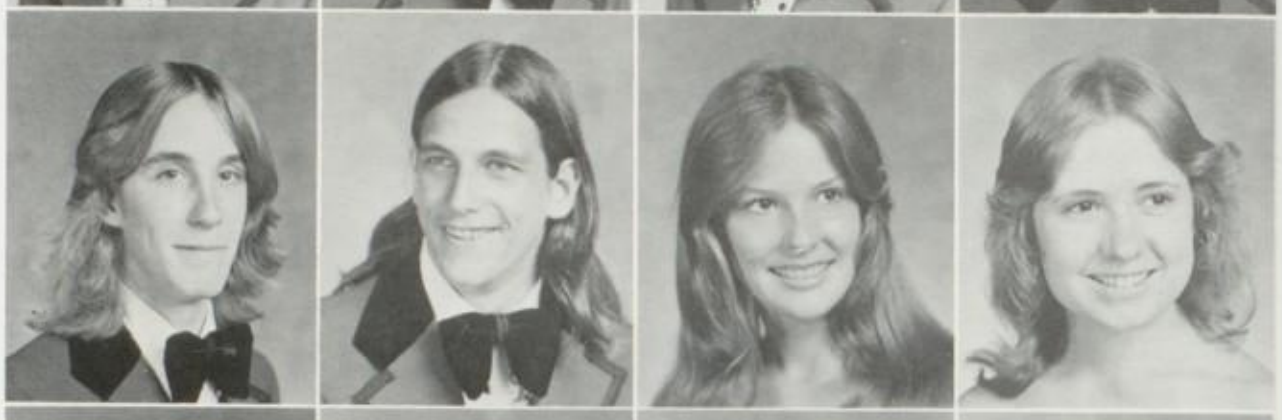
Ross Greybill
Barbara Griffin
Gail Grimes



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Monica Grizzle
Cathy Guin
Jim Guske

Steve Hall
Nancy Handley
Carol Harden
Lisa Harris

Norma Harstvedt
Carol Hearne
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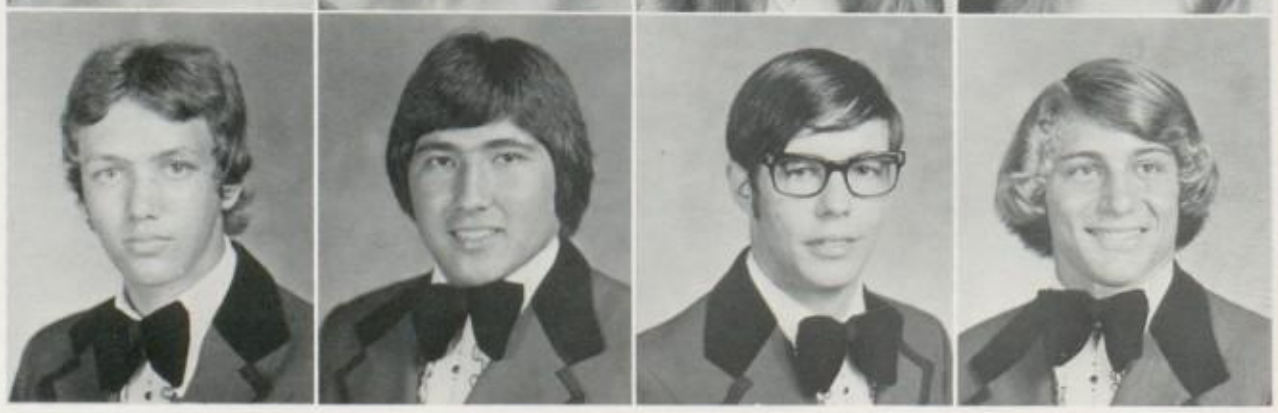
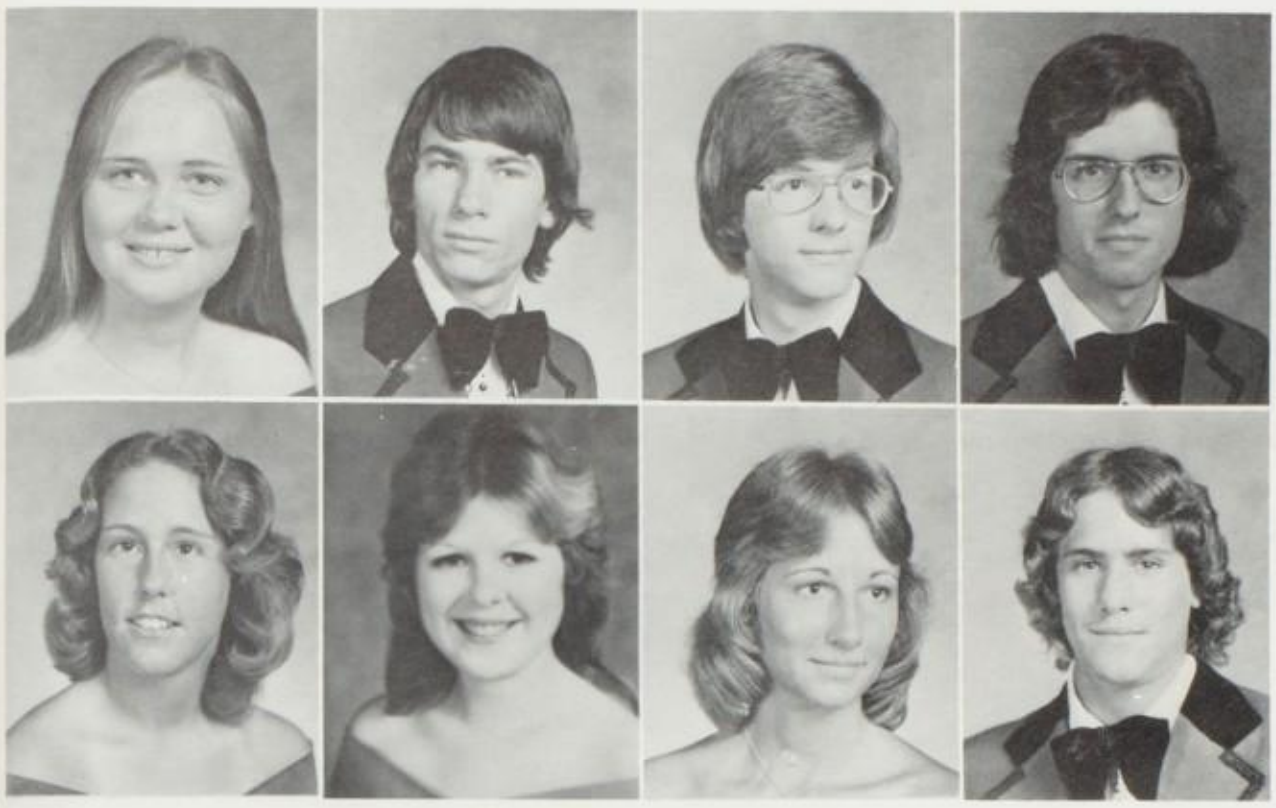
Roxanne Herbert

Tommy Henry
Jimmy Henry
Ron Hicks
Ron Higgins





Cindy Hinson
Mike Hiser
John Hobson
Steve Hodges

Tracy Hodgins
Laurie Holden
Sally Holler
Ricky Hollis

Superlatives Representative Of Choctaw's Best

Throughout school years, many students tried hard to make a name for themselves. Some succeeded by becoming leaders and were active in various clubs or sports. Consequently, a few people were known for a certain outstanding personality trait. This was the basis for the election of Senior Superlatives. Held annually, the selection was made by the seniors and part of the results were Nancy McCormac and Charles "Bull" Rigdon as the Most Athletic; Larry Barker and Tami Cox as the Most School Spirited. Lyn Roesler and Steve Petermann were selected as the Best Dressed from the class.

Larry Barker, Student Council pres., and Tami Cox, cheerleader captain, boost spirit at every opportunity. Nancy McCormac and Bull Rigdon both have shown athletic qualities.

Frank Holmes
Janice Horton
Sally Horsley
John Howe

Janice Huebner
Linda Hughes
Lynn Humphries
Jan Jarvis

Mr., Miss Senior Representative of Class of '76

Steve Hall and Debbie Floyd were chosen by the seniors to represent the class as Mr. and Miss Senior.

Steve really believed in being involved as he was a member of both Hi-Y and Key Club. He was also the president of his class all 3 years, and Governor of Florida during the Youth Legislature in February.

Debbie was active in extracurricular activities such as class offices and the Wheelettes. She was a Senior Beauty and participated in the Miss CHS pageant. The highlight of her year was when she was selected Homecoming Queen by the football team.

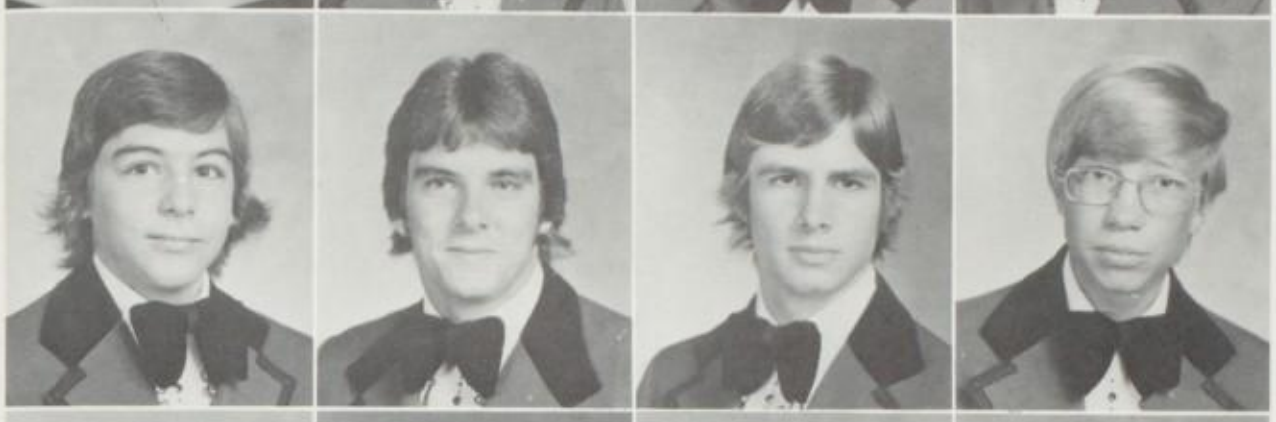
Debbie and Steve were chosen as the two students best representing the many facets of the senior class.

Debbie and Steve give the radiant smiles that helped make them the choice of the class as Mr. and Miss Senior, as they stand discussing present day issues before school.

Vickie Johnson
Dan Johnson
Mike Johnson
Bobby Johnson

Robert Johnson
Jeff Johnson
Robert Johnson
Howie Joines

Linda Jones
David Jones
Rennie Jones
Jerry Jones



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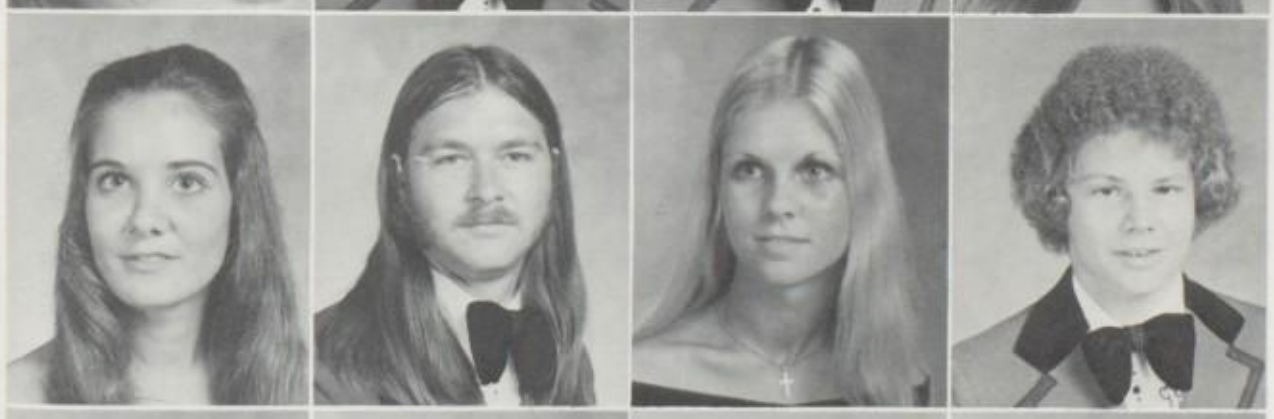
Tom Jordan
Arno Justman
Jerry Kaiser

Susan Kavanah
Sandra Keller
Diane Kelley
Tammy Kelley

Carla Kendall
Walter Kidd
Tom Kidder
Jackie King



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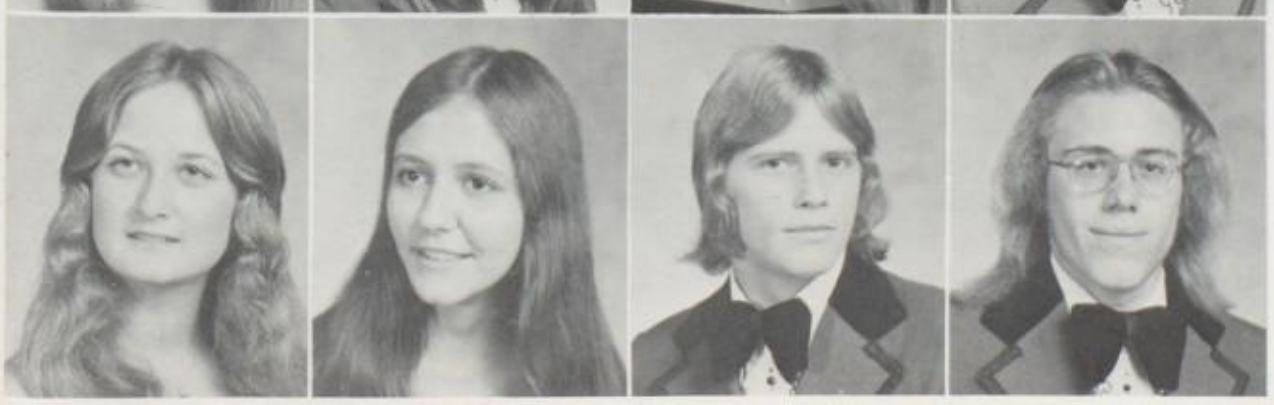
Kim Kinsaul
Kerry Kirkland
Keith Knaggs



Christie Knotts
Rita Knothe
Chris Koral
Randy Koran

Kevin Kresl
Paul Kring
David Kyle
Roxie Lambert

Mark Lancaster
Jerome Lane
Phylis Large
Fred LaRoche

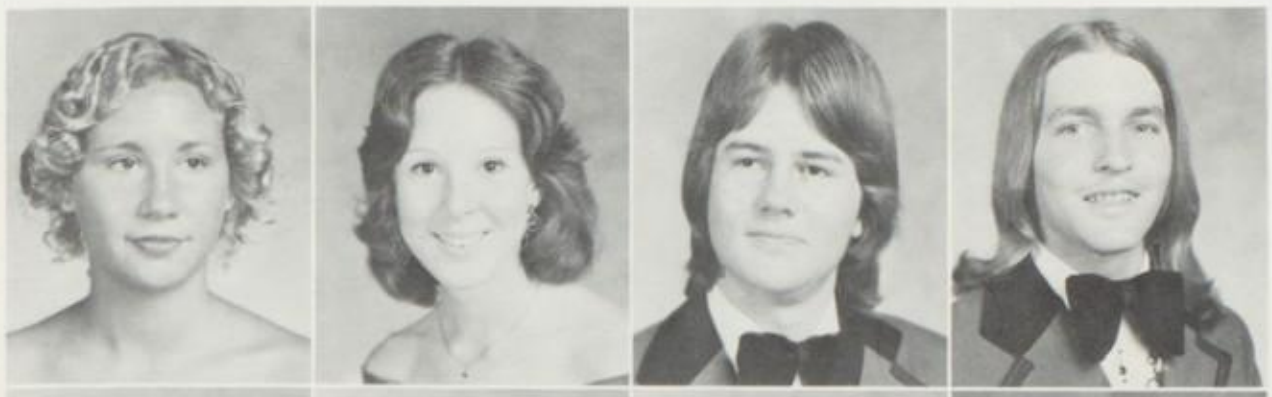
Jonny Lasley
Lyn Lawson
Tom Leach
Diane Leonard

Senior Beauties Exempilfy Loveliness

As part of the traditional senior year pageantry, ten senior girls were selected as the outstanding beauties of the year. This year, as in years past, saw the contest honor those young ladies who had proven themselves charming, poised, and personable as well as lovely.

This Beta Club sponsored contest found winners who were also involved in myriad of extra-curricular activities. Contestants were selected from club officers, youth legislature representatives, cheerleaders, and honor students, proving that beauty and brains can be merged. Five of those chosen this year were Jami Costin, Debbie Anderson, Debbie Floyd, Mitzi Sullivan, Nancy Bixby, and Kerry Kirkland.

Six Senior Class Beauties, Kerry Kirkland, Debbie Floyd, Debbie Anderson, Nancy Bixby, Jami Costin, and Mitzi Sullivan, combine club activities with poise and charm.



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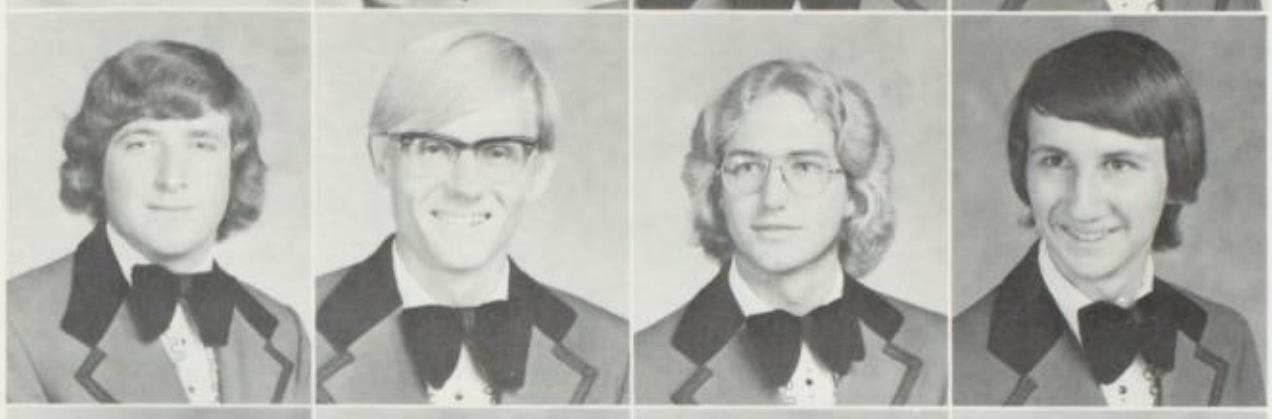
Laura Lewis
John Linn
Glen Loyd



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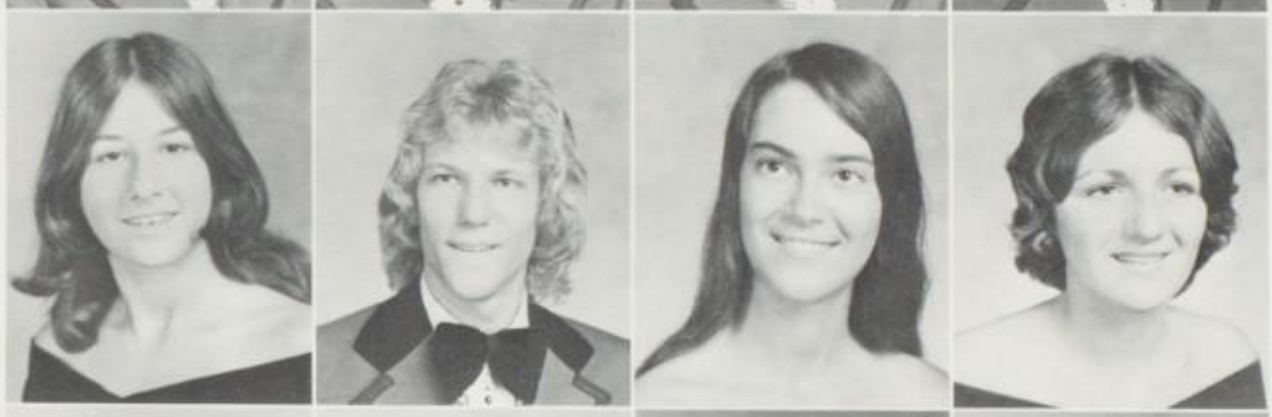
James Lowe
Steve Lowery
Bill Loy



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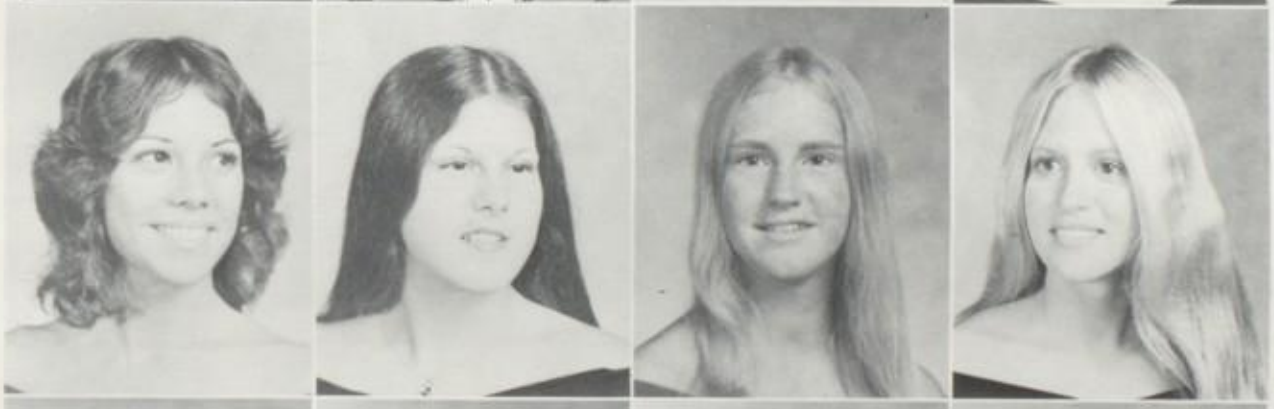
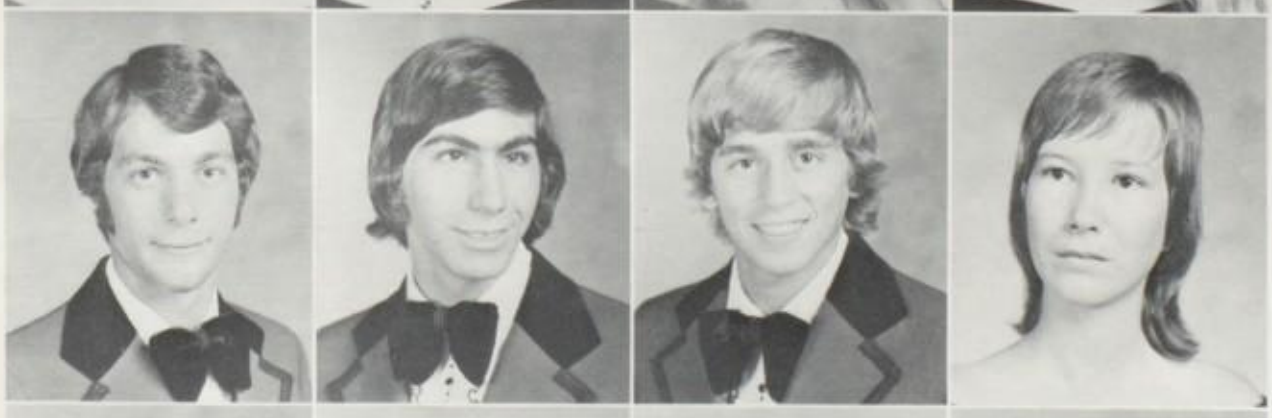
Eddie Lumpkin
Dannielle Lutz
Cindy Madre



Teresa Madero
Beba Maestrales
Pam Maher
Karen Mann



David Manners
Mark Martin
David Martin
Renae Marzoni

Jay Massey
Debbie Mathes
Toni McCarty
Debra McCaul

Donna McCloud
Nancy McCormac
Beth McDonald
Helen McEwen

Supply Orders Bring Graduation Thoughts

This year, as every year, the seniors were responsible for ordering their graduation supplies. For this to be accomplished, choices in styles, color, etc., had to be made.

Bicentennial items were added to the list of commercial essentials. Memory books, thank-you notes, and informals could be ordered. Also rented were caps and gowns.

The day for distribution of supplies finally arrived and every senior participated in exchanging cards and signing memory books. All the activities of preparation brought much anticipation of graduation, hardly a semester away.

A small display of all the various supplies available for ordering is set up in the cafeteria show case. It helps make the decision easier for some and harder for others.

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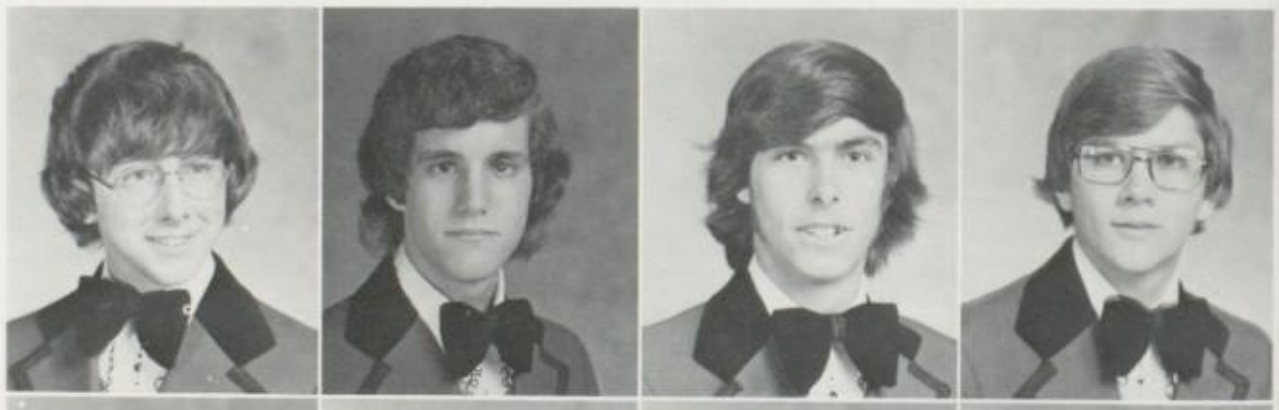
Steve McGovern
Mike McGuire
Danny McKinney



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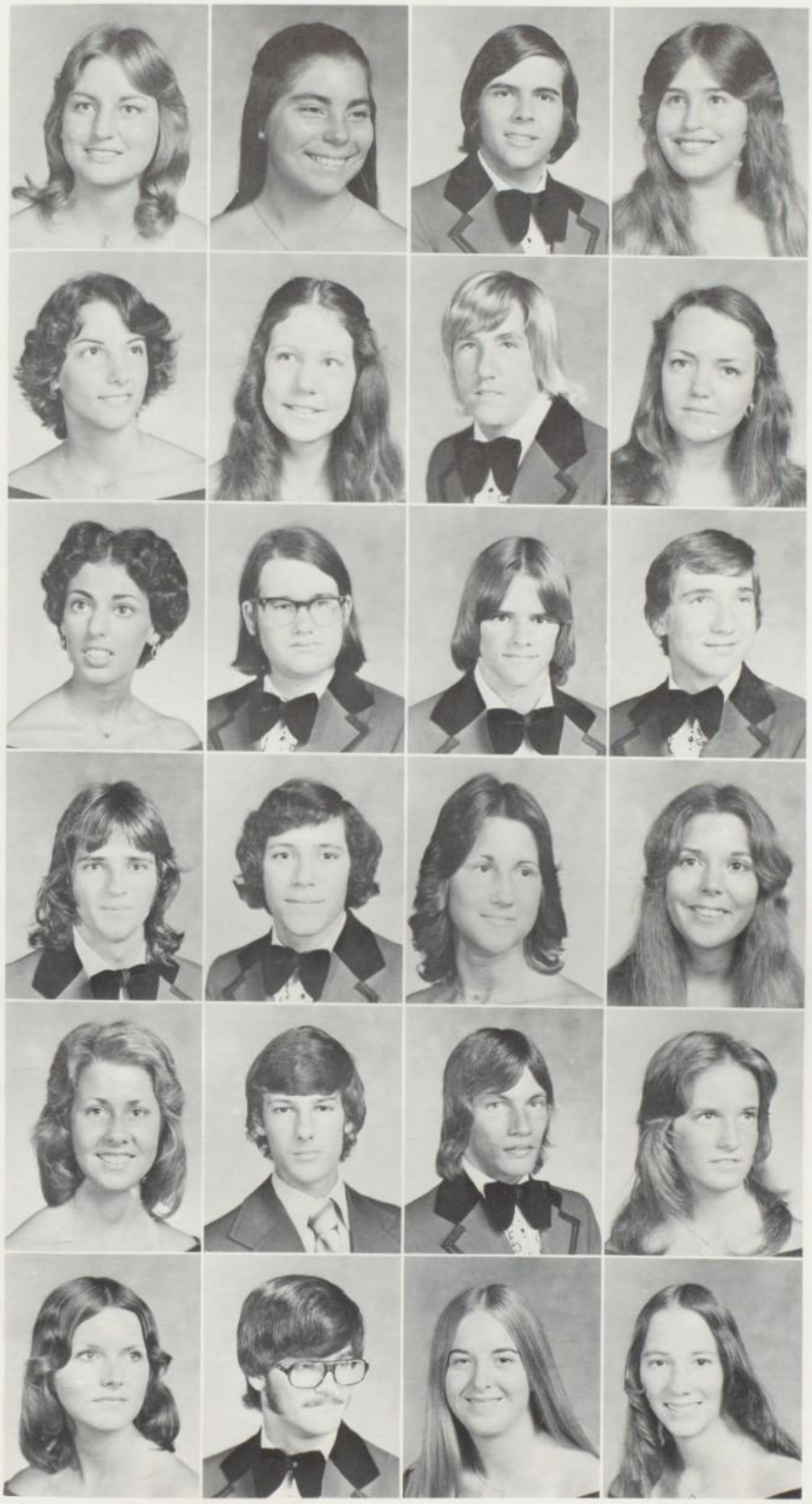
Bill McLean
Dale McMorrow
Evelyn McNabb



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Barbara Meltzer
Tim Messiner
Gina Millan

Sue Mills
Clarissa Mills
Tim Minitte
Kris Mohl

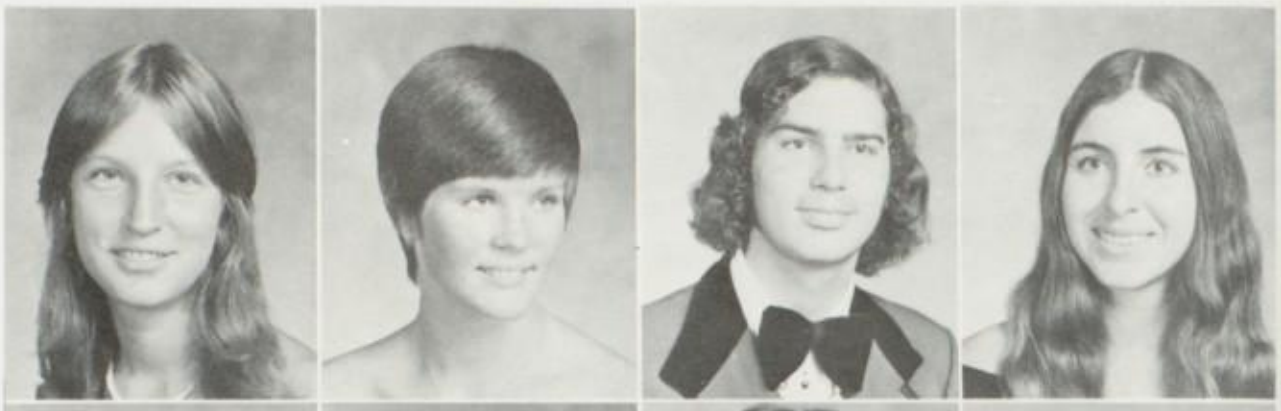
Diane Monte
George Moore
James Morgan
Mark Muro

Jeff Myers
Bobby Myrick
Ann Neal
Nancy Nellums

Christie Nichols
Jim Nicoloff
Clark Norton
Janice Obriant

Jane Obrien
Mike O'Shay
Laura Owens
Debbie Padden

Berta Paprocki
Karen Park
John Parrish
Cherita Patterson



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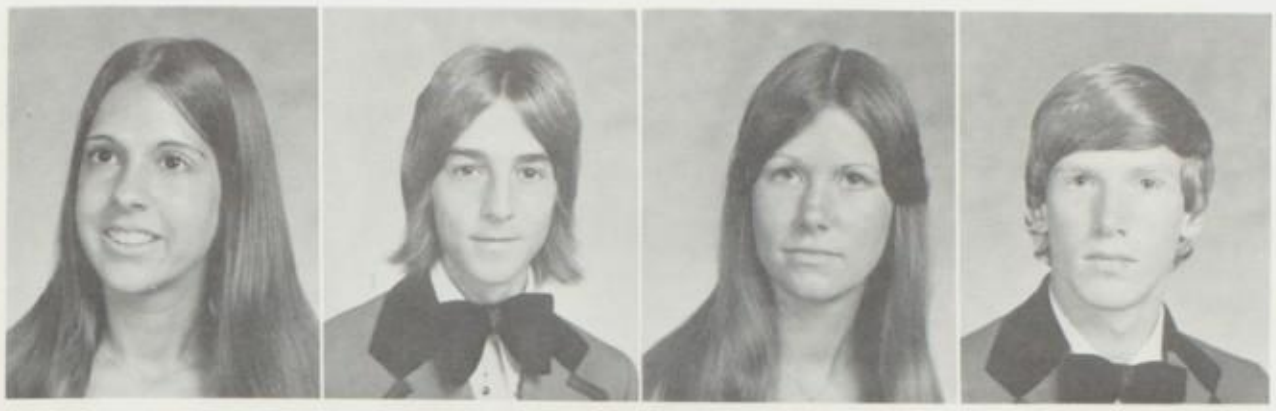
Tammie Pearson
Angie Pendergraft
Jeff Perkins

Steve Peterman
Cory Peterson
Shirley Peterson
Brenda Petrino

Lynn Petry
Carl Pheifer
Wanda Phagan
Robert Phillips

Karen Peirce
Bill Piondexter
Jerri Poore
Debra Poston

Toni Prestari
Richard Price
Tom Price
Pam Pryor



Annette Poschel
Mark Putnam
Janice Raleigh
Dale Ralph

Class Preference Shown With Deserving Dozen

From a field of 595 seniors, the class of 1976 chose a baker's dozen as their most deserving students. As in previous years, teachers nominated students who they felt were active in extra-curricular activities and showed ability in their curricular courses. These nominees were then put before the senior class and from them thirteen were chosen due to a tie. Seven of the thirteen were Fraser Sherman, Larry Barker, Jami Costin, Robbie Fendick, Debbie Anderson, Tammy Fortenberry and Howie Joines.

These seniors, chosen from such a great number of nominees, proved themselves as the most worthy of the title of Choctaw's 1976 Deserving Dozen.

Larry Barker, Jami Costin, Debbie Anderson, Fraser Sherman, Robbie Fendick, Tammy Fortenberry, and Howie Joines are part of 1976 Deserving Dozen, 13 as a result of a tie.

Mark Randels
Debra Rankin
Sharon Rassmussen
Alan Rhoads

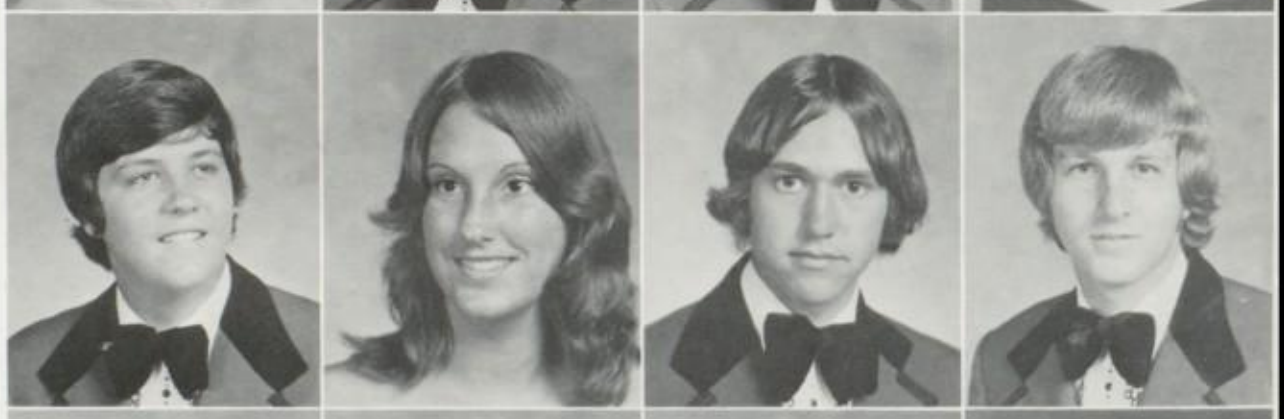
Mark Riggenbach
Charles Rigdon
Betty Riggins
Kelly Ringblum

Butch Ritchie
Scott Robson
Lyn Roesler
Andre Rog

Paul Rohlman
Richard Rominger
Donnie Rossica
George Roundtree

Amanda Royster
Bruce Rushing
Ken Russell
Kerry Sanders

Pat Saunders
Kim Schade
Kirt Schumann
Jeff Schweizer



Jim Sconnely
Allan Scott
Dave Seaton
Becky Seeger

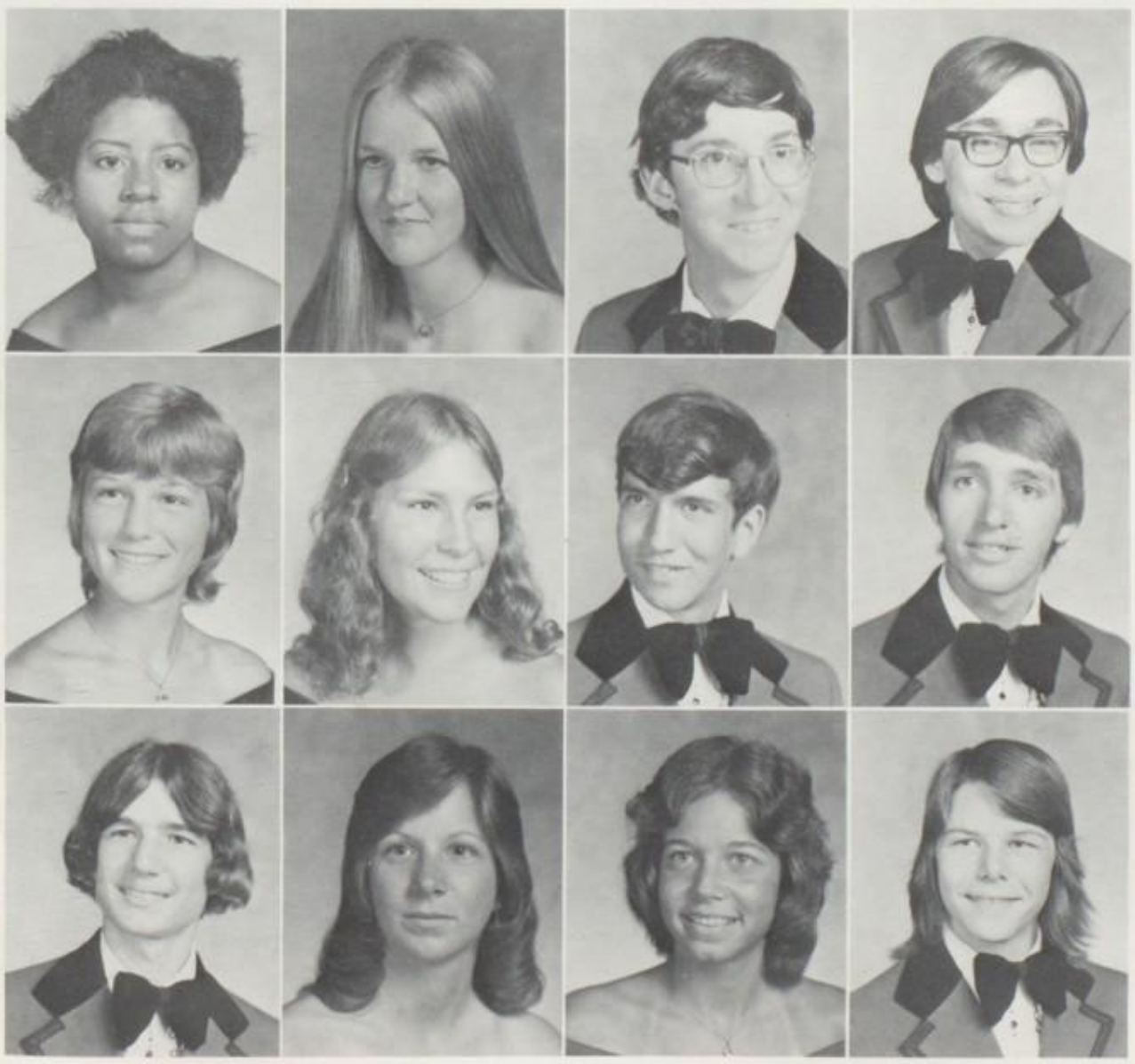
Candi Schafer
Lissa Shahid
Lynda Shahid
Joel Schaffer

Birthday Cake Float Portrays Senior Spirit

As the senior float took its place in the '76 Homecoming parade, the seniors remembered the last two float competitions they had easily won. However, this year's decision did not follow the previous ones. The seniors' float was embarassingly out ranked by the sophomores'.

The seniors' desire was tinged with apathy as only a few workers participated in the many work sessions. Hours of manipulating chicken wire into a form, hammering and fitting a wooden car frame, and stuffing literally hundreds of napkins into a cake shape resulted in the float for Homecoming that was the pride and joy of the class. There was only one drawback — it didn't win.

Working hard in the warm sun, the few seniors who participated in making the float found many laughs amid all the time-consuming effort involved."



Mary Sheppard
Joan Shepperd
John Sheppard
Fraser Sherman

Shannon Shervey
Julie Sherwin
Robert Shettle
Bobby Shewmake

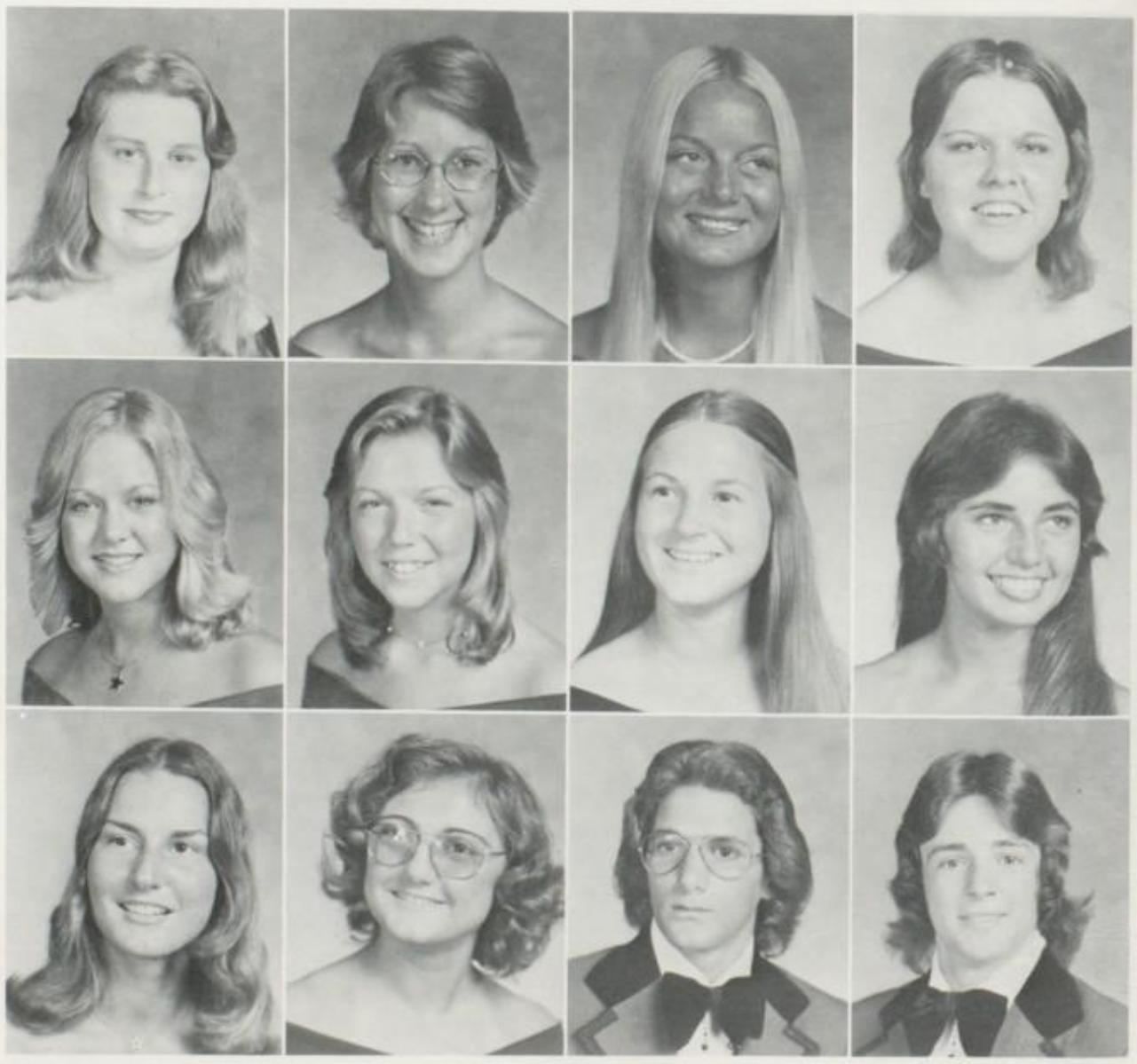
Donald Shomberg
Kay Sills
Becky Simmons
Ray Simpson

Three Students Awarded Creative Class Awards

In keeping with tradition, the Senior Class chose an artist and a musician and a poet. These three were the performers at the Senior breakfast. The represented some of the talent present in the class. Dennis Furber was chosen as class artist with Sue Birkner as the poet and Howie Joines as the musician.

A member of Beta Club, Sue was also displaying her creativity in Thalian Society. Howie Joines was president of both the CHS band and Music Honor. He also served as head of the drum section for past years. Dennis Furber was an Art Club member. He helped the senior class by devoting his talents to the designing and painting of signs to advertise the Senior Class Play.

Creativity took many forms at Choctaw. Senior class poet Sue Birkner expresses her individuality and ideology through her varied and unique poems and verses.



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Gretchen Sjostrom
Cindy Skeen
Agnes Sloma

Sandy Smith
Trish Smith
Sherri Smith
Sherry Smith

Debbie Smith
LaFawn Smith
Mike Soave
Ken Somers

Jon Sowell
Naomi Spears
Mary Spencer
Lanora Stanley

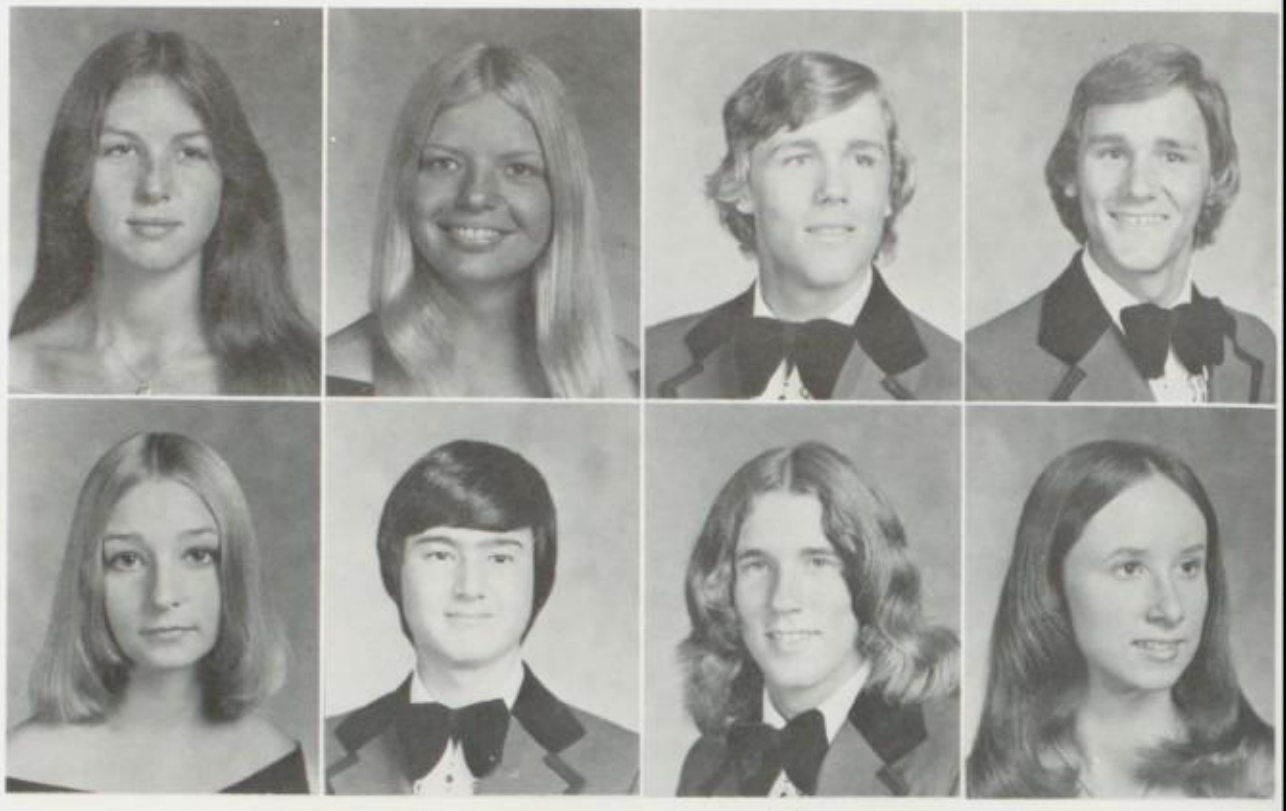
Joe Stanton
David Sterner
Matt Stillings
Pat Stone

Peter Straub
John Stroppel
Mitzi Sullivan
Jimmy Sumblin

Hal Sunday
Mitzi Swords
Sharon Szemere
Virgina Szemere

An Ta
Bob Tandler
Rhonda Terrell
Naguyen-Thai

Theresa Thirsk
Mary Thoma
Jackie Thomas
Tim Thomas



Leah Tidwell
Donna Tipton
Mike Tiza
Danny Tiza

Debra Trainer
Walter Troutman
David Turner
Carla Turner

Varied Battery of Tests Bewilders Seniors

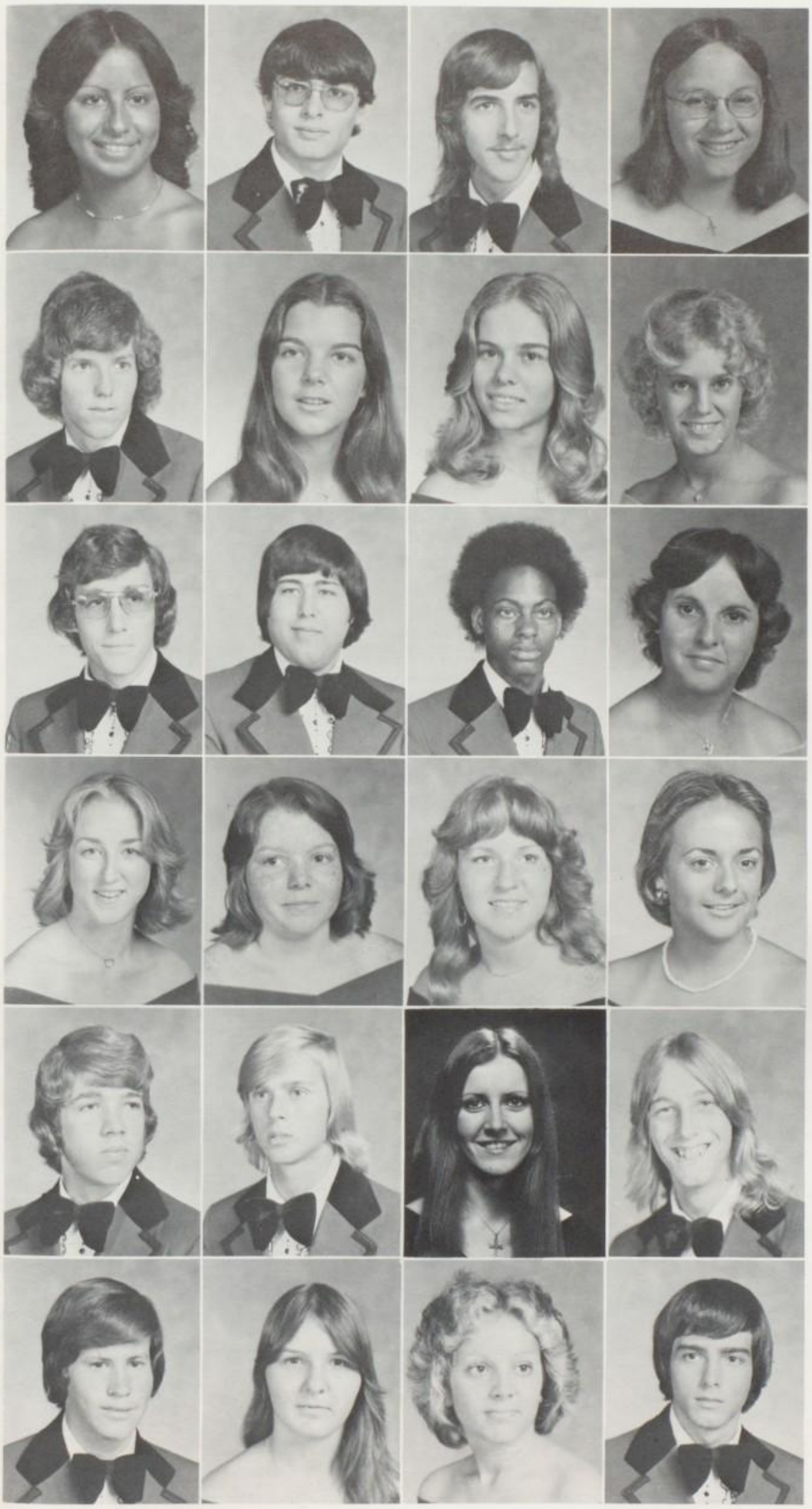
ACT, CLEP, SAT, CGP: a confusing array of tests plagued upperclassmen. Required for entering college, they continually bewildered seniors. Amid the dropping test score controversy, Choctaw's grades often topped state-wide averages.

Required for all Florida Graduates, the Florida Senior Test was a closely watched meter of intelligence. One student from Choctaw, Fraser Sherman, scored a perfect 495/495. The 1976 class average was 253.

Debbie Padden, Steve Hall, Fraser Sherman, and Bobby Johnson were National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Of these, two students won full four year scholarships.

Debbie Padden and Steve Hall spend many hours studying and preparing for standarized tests. Both now have four year scholarships to the college of their choice.

Kathy Tyler
Julianna VanSwearingen
Paul Vatter
Mark Vaugn



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Greg Vivarttas
Mitch Vogel
Karen Voyt

Larry Walker
Lesa Walker
Terri Walters
Tonia Ward

James Ward
John Ward
Gary Watkins
Cindy Watson

Sherry Weatherford
Marie Weir
Tana Welch
Vickie Wentzel

Brad West
Paul Wheeler
Pattie White
Jerry White

Tom Wicker
Sharon Wiggins
Barbie Williams
Jim Williams

Kathy Willingham
David Wilson
Cheryl Wilson
Bruce Wise

Jim Witherington
Jeff Wogoman
Debbie Wolfgram
Mike Womble

Barbara Wood
Gail Woodsworth
Laurie Wright
Janice Wright

Gene Wright
Richard Wyman
Carlton Yates
Elaine Young

Mark Ziehr

Traits of Individuality Result In Superlative Titles

Among the annual honors bestowed upon select students were the Senior Superlatives. Outstanding students were honored for that facet of their personality that made Choctaw life a little more unique. Selected this year were: Most Intelligent, Fraser Sherman and Tammy Fortenberry; Most Talented, Howie Joines and Micki Giroux; Wittiest, Debbie Anderson and Chuck Boudreau; Most Likely to Succeed, Steve Hall and Bev McPhail.

Sharing success, talent and having fun are Bev McPhail, Steve Hall, Micki Giroux, and Howie Joines. Wittiest Chuck Boudreau and Debbie Anderson help break the school book boredom for the "Intelligents" Tammy Fortenberry and Fraser Sherman.

JUNIORS

"Yell, juniors, yell!"
"All three of us are!!"

"That's a great birthday cake float!"
"It's supposed to be the Liberty Bell."

"I call this meeting to order,"
"Can Historians do that?"

They are those 710 meandering, listless, apathetic, strange —

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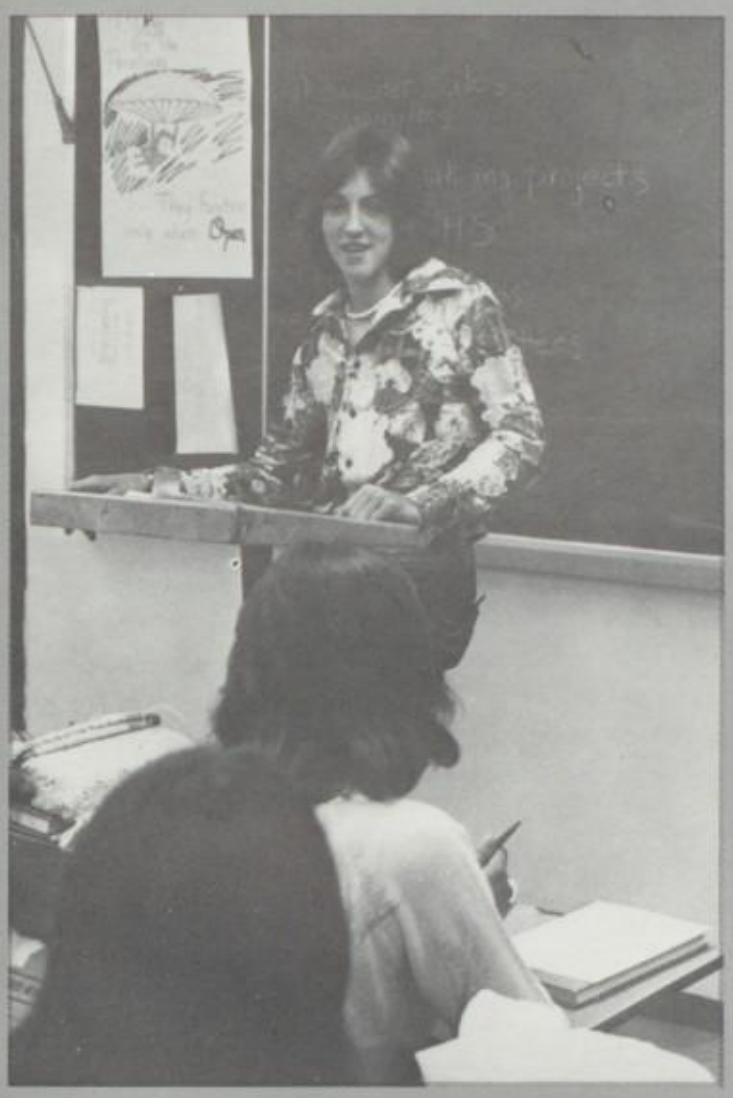

Steve Applebaugh
Laurie Armstrong
Clavin Arnold
Jacqui Arthurs
Ricky Atkinson
Donald Atwood

Kim Atwood
Douglas Auble
Kirk Ausburn
Amy Autry
Rikki Ayers
Howard Baily

Junior Spirit Needs Boost In Early Part Of Year

Junior spirit lagged this year and failed to accelerate as the year progressed. The junior class was reluctant to get involved in school functions or any other activities. Though class leaders tried to inspire the junior class to action, they accomplished little.

One reason for such dormancy of the class might have been found in the early seating arrangements at the fall pep rallies. Juniors were not assigned to seating section of their own, but instead were compelled to disperse among the sophomores and seniors. In spite of the hopes for an active year, the juniors lagged way behind in terms of production and achievement.

The seating system was changed, but junior apathy continued.

Apathy ruled the junior class in almost every activity they undertook. Whether it was the pep rallies or fund-raising drives, only a half-hearted effort was exerted.

Mike Abington
Milton Adams
Steve Albright
John Alexander
Mark Alford
Joe Alonzo

Virginia Ammons
Barbie Anderson
Sheila Anderson
Kenneth Andrews
Suzanne Andrews
Todd Aplin

Klay Baker
Terri Baker
Jeff Bannon
Raymond Barnes
Tony Barnes
Ernie Barnett

Carlos Barns
Doug Baston
Jeff Bauer
Rick Beasley
Debbie Beck
Sylvia Becker

John Benaquis
Debbie Benefield
Debra Benjamin
Alan Bennett
Jenny Bennett
Rick Bennett

Faith Bergamann
Fred Bergmann
Duane Berlinquet
Terance Besse
Jo Ann Betty
Shelley Billingsly

Don Bizare
Mike Blackburn
Pam Blackerby
William Blair
Thelma Bland
Debbie Blizzard

Brenda Bludworth
Jan Bodenhamer
James Boles
Teresa Boling
Mark Bonano
Robert Bond

Chris Borden
Roy Boring
Alonzo Boston
Chris Bowman
Rhonda Bowman
Terry Bowman

Greg Boyd
Debbie Branson
Terri Branz
Robert Breedon
Tracey Bresee
Bruce Brewer

Class Officers' Efforts Fail To Provide Inspiration

A few with previous experience, but mostly novices, filled the five offices of the junior class. Emerging from the ranks, these students were new to the positions, but leadership was needed more than ever. It was hoped that, with a few new faces, the junior class would be off to a rousing start.

After their election in September, each settled down to meet the work required, however important or trivial it was. The bulk of their duties centered on projects (i.e., the Prom) in the upcoming year.

Their inability to spark the junior class to life, however, rendered their efforts useless.

Left: Class meetings are few and far between, but must be held nevertheless. Class members have the chance to state their ideas and give opinions on proposed projects.

Right: Serving the class of '77: Paul Petrey, pres.; Faith Bergman, v. pres.; Janice Loyd, hist.; Lynda Lyttle, sec.; and Paula Tatum, treas. (not pictured).

Danny Bricker
David Brigance
Donna Brightwell
Richard Brinkmann
Wallace Brittain
Sharon Brock

Cindy Brooks
Hurse Brown
Joy Brown
Bruce Brunson
Marilyn Bryant
Pam Bryant

Tonya Bryant
Ellie Buchebner
Linda Budden
Scott Bulger
Luther Bullock
Nanci Bullock

Sandra Bullock
Cheri Bunge
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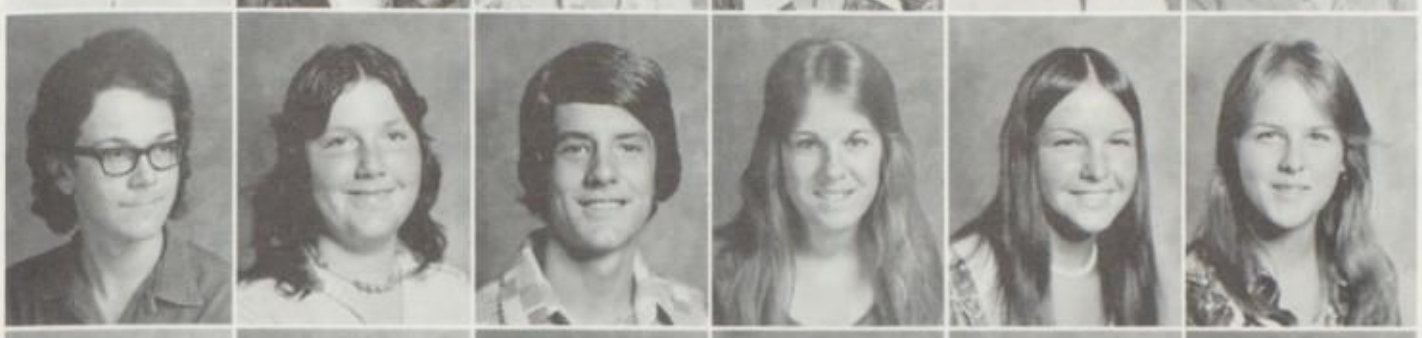
Mike Burghardt
Dennis Burklow
Teri Burnett

Mike Burnett
Lorraine Burns
Eric Bush
Yvonne Busse
Robert Butler
Donna Byars



Robert Cain
Kim Campbell
Mike Campbell
Karen Canon
Susan Cantin
Sharon Carlson

Gary Carr
Jerry Carr
Penny Carr
Shawn Carroll
Linda Carter
David Cassidy

Pam Cazzell
Debbie Chadwick
Yancy Chambers
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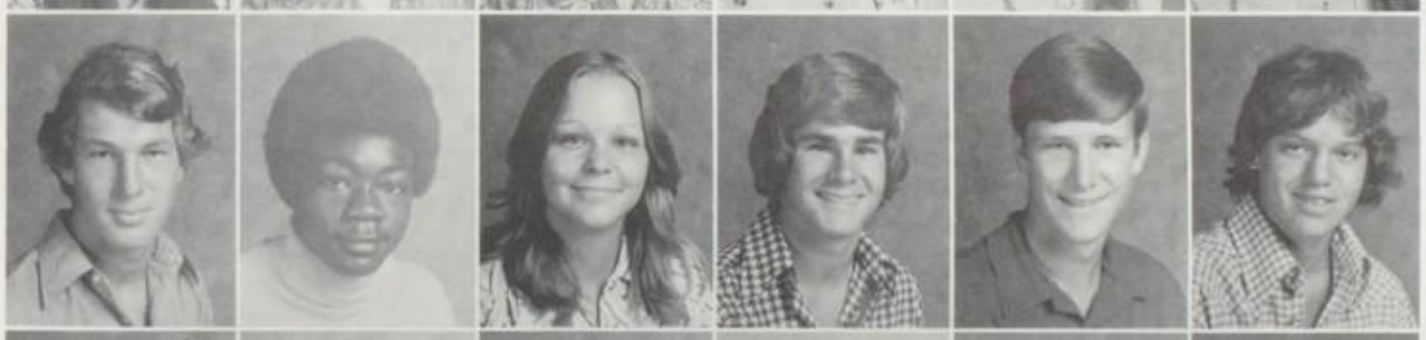
Carla Chastain



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Debbie Connelly

Mike Connolly
Denise Connett
Lori Cooper
Veronica Cornutt
Susan Cosgrove
John Courtney

Ruth Cowart
Tammy Cowen
Tom Cox
Elizabeth Craft
Dean Crane
Bill Crawley

Cathy Crews
Chuck Crews
Albert Cronk
George Crosby
Kay Cross
Lynn Crotzer

Todd Crumpler
Vickie Cummings
Mike Curtis
Robin Dameron
Jeff Daniel
Mark Dauzat

Lucille Davenport
Nancy Davis
Tom DeFrancesca
Steve Debenedetto
Joel Dickey
Gary Dillon

Jamie Ditterline
Sherry Doily
Mike Dominiak
Gale Donaldson
Jenny Doran
James Dougherty

Rick Dreumont
Laura Drews
Pam Driver
Gus Duncan
Sandra Dunker
James Dunmyer

Debbie Durber
Howard Dysart
Donna Edge
Jean Egleston
Bill Ekluno
Brent Elliot

Jerry Embler
Jay Emerson
Cindy Ermel
David Everly
Keith Fahey
Marsha Faulconer

Kyle Faust
David Fell
John Fell
Jennifer Fendrick
Cindy Fields
Tim Finan

Babs Fincher
Cindy Findley
Mark Fitzgerald
Ronnie Fitzhugh
Patty Flanders
Mike Fleming

Robert Fletcher
Alan Fopiano
Denise Foster
Pat Fought
Diane Fowler
Barbara Franco

Third Place Float Typical Of Apathetic Class

Homecoming offered Choctaw more than an opportunity for sport competition. With all the confusion of the three classes trying to out do each other during the Homecoming season, the Juniors tried their best to come out at the top.

What was supposed to be the Liberty Bell won the third place honor in the Homecoming competition. Juniors worked many hours after school to perfect their idea of the Liberty Bell, but a little embarrassment was shown when Mr. Moon yelled, "Get that birthday cake over here," during the commotion of preparing for the Homecoming parade.

During Homecoming week the Junior Class elected Diane Weaver as the Junior attendant. She was escorted by Paul Petry.

The float competition provides classes, clubs and organizations the opportunity to compete creatively. Nearly 50 different displays were featured in the parade prior to the game.

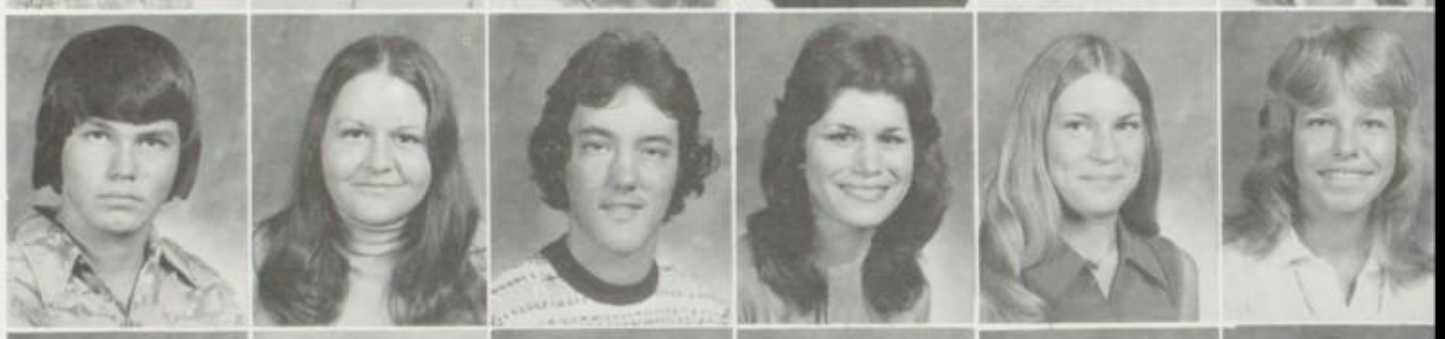
Leah Frongos
William Frank
Cindy Frary
Julie Frederick
Joyce Friedlander
Delton Friedman

Clark Fruvett
Laurann Fuller
Bebra Furber
Michelle Furmage
Jo Anne Galluzi
Steve Gardener

Bubba Garner
James Gartman
Gwen Gieson
Lorraine Gilbert
Donna Giroux
James Given

Virginia Given
Steve Glasgow
Sheree Glass
Raymond Glendenning
Wanda Gooch
Wanda Goodwin

Greg Goodson
Sharon Goodwin
Dean Gordon
Georgia Gower
Grammont Deborah
Tricia Grantham



Thomas Gray
Charles Treen
Pearlie Green
Phillip Green
Denise Gregory
Karen Greybill

Juniors Display Choctaw Pride With Class Rings

Interest surrounding class rings started early this year. Soon after students came back from summer vacation and began the usual school routine, the confusion commenced.

In early September, ring styles went on display. 'Bicentennialism' brought about added selection of specially coined bracelets, charms, necklaces, and pens. Students were able to select either the traditional Indian head or the collegiate style ring. In an attempt to individualize their rings, students added birthstones, signatures, and special embossed figures representing pertinent activities.

In December, as the rings were received, juniors began the traditional 'ring turning' activities.

No one knows exactly where the 'ring turning' tradition originated. According to the rule, students' friends should turn the class ring 77 times in order to assure future success.

Patti Griffin
James Griffin
Julie Grimmig
Greer Grooms
Patricia Gunn
Rick Gunnels

Debra Hamm
David Hamrick
Patricia Hanes
Derek Hanks
Craig Hanson
Chris Harakal

Stephenn Harakal
Casey Harris
Marcie Harris
Neal Harrison
Glenda Hatcher
Margaret Hathaway

Steve Haug
Sharon Haugh
Amy Hayslip
Donna Headley
Valerie Heapy
Bart Hedley

Mark Heinzelmah
Toni Henrie
Dawn Herbert
Jim Hessler
Robert Hewitt
Lynn Hickenbotham

Cleveland Hicks
Stephan Hill
Karon Hinesley
Debbie Hinton
Greg Hobson
Kathy Hofmann

Cindy Jo Holbrook
Karen Holden
Robert Holland
Ricky Hollon
Lauri Hood
Danny Horgan

Vicky Huddleston
Doug Hudson
Tim Hudson
Sharon Huggins
Lisa Hughey
Kathy Humphrey

Diane Humphries
Mike Hupp
Jack Imsand
Bill Ingalls
Carol Ireland
Rieneta Ivey

Alan Jackson
Andy Jackson
Danny Jackson
Robert James
Pam Janey
David Jeffcoat

Archie Johns
Janette Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Kraig Johnson
Marylynn Johnson
Vernon Johnson

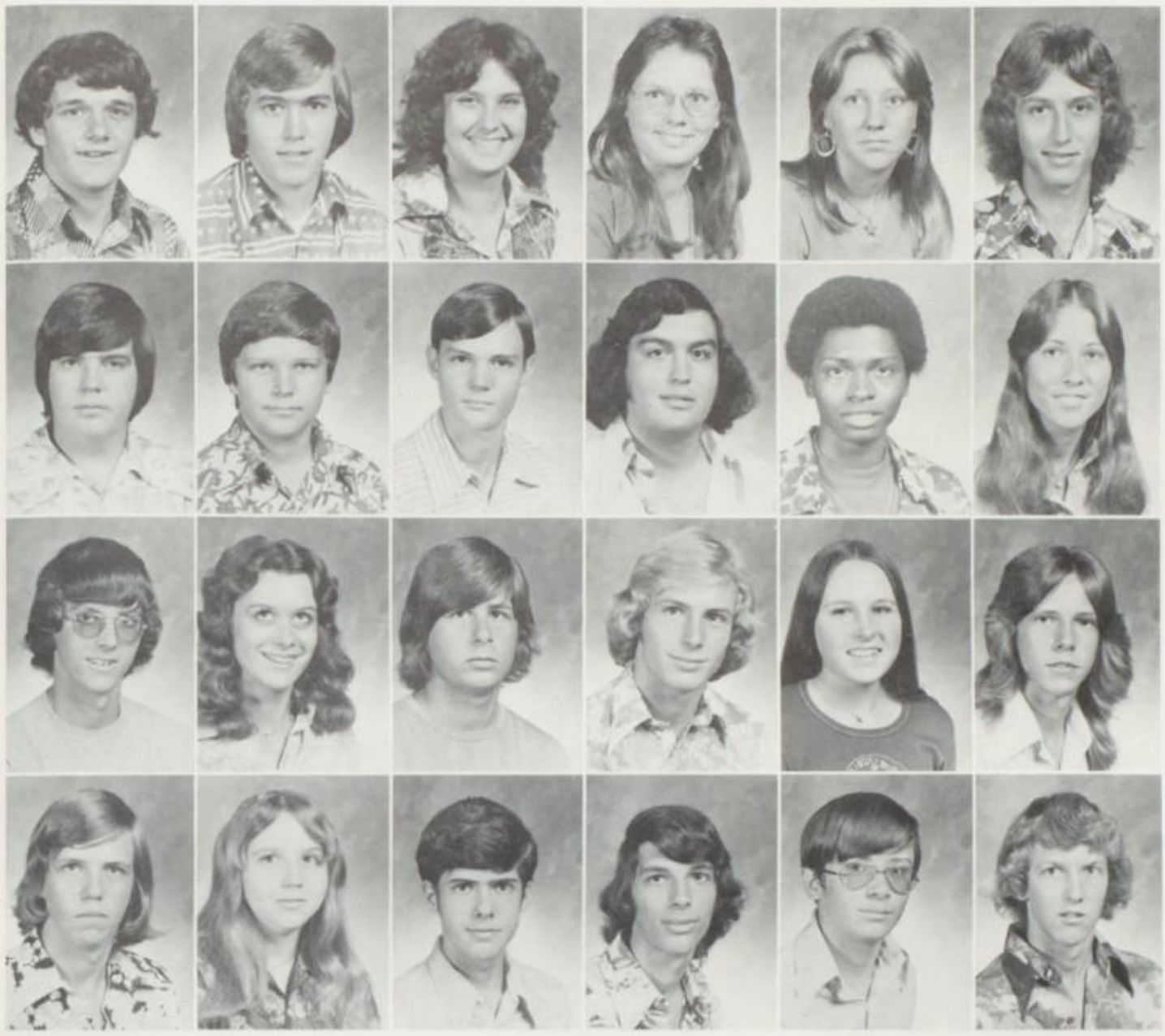
Leslie Johnston
Donna Jones
Jennifer Jones
Kathy Jones
Chuck Jones
Sharon Kaiser

Becky Kantner
Tami Kelley
Tami Kelly
Tom Kemp
Laura Kerr
Robert Kidd

Cindy Killinsworth
John King
Sharon A. King
Sharon L. King
Cindy Kingure
Lynn Kirbey

Beverly Kitchings
Mike Knight
Rhonda Knight
Beate Koehler
Barbara Kossow
Rick Koster

John Kozelka
Kim L'Abbe
Harriett Lacy
Vickie Landers
Keith Landis
Bronco Lane



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Gene Large
Connie Latham
Janice Lavin
Patricia Lavin
Randy Lawson

Bob LeCroy
Billy Lee
Mark Lehr
Robert Lindenberg
James Little
Lynda Little

Michael Llewllyn
Vicki Locke
Harold Loeffler
John Long
Tami Long
Jerry Lovett

James Loyd
Janice Loyd
Stewart Lucas
David Lutz
Frank Lykins
Mark Lynch

Energy Level Ebbs As Middleman Unity Fails

Last year as sophomores, the present junior class made outstanding contributions to school activities. With these past achievements in mind, many greater accomplishments were expected. However, as the new junior class took its place, apathy reigned through most of the class.

Consequently, only a handful of students created the Homecoming float, supported the magazine sales, planned the prom, and virtually served as the junior class.

Regarding the apathy: "It's terrible because a lot of juniors work hard and never receive any recognition," stated Debbie Hinton. "I feel bad about it because it makes our whole class look bad, "Berta Manns said. Jr. class president, Paul Petrey, said, "I just hope we'll change by next year.

Even active students like Susan McCormac cannot help but be affected by the sluggishness of junior class activities and the lack of recognition for its hardworking members.

Tanya Lynn
William Lyons
Kyle Macargel
Sandra Mack
Carey McNamara
John Madden

Rosemary Madison
Connie Maggert
Berta Mains
Frank Malambry
Theresa Martin
Margie Martire

Michelle Masterman
Derinda Matharan
Allison Mathis
Van Mathis
Keith Matz
Bruce McCarty

Craig McCarty
Cheryl McCaul
Rhonda McClellan
Susan McCormac
Gail McGahee
Tyrone McGoley

Bryan McKinney
Lisa McLaughlin
Debbie McLean
Georgia McMillan
Kelly McNeer
Carey McWhorter

Judy Meads
Marsha Meltzer
Stevan Melvin
Glenda Merritt
Brenda Messer
Debbie Middleton

Debbie Miller
Mia Miller
Kathy Mills
Cyndy Moore
Vance Morgan
Clay Morris

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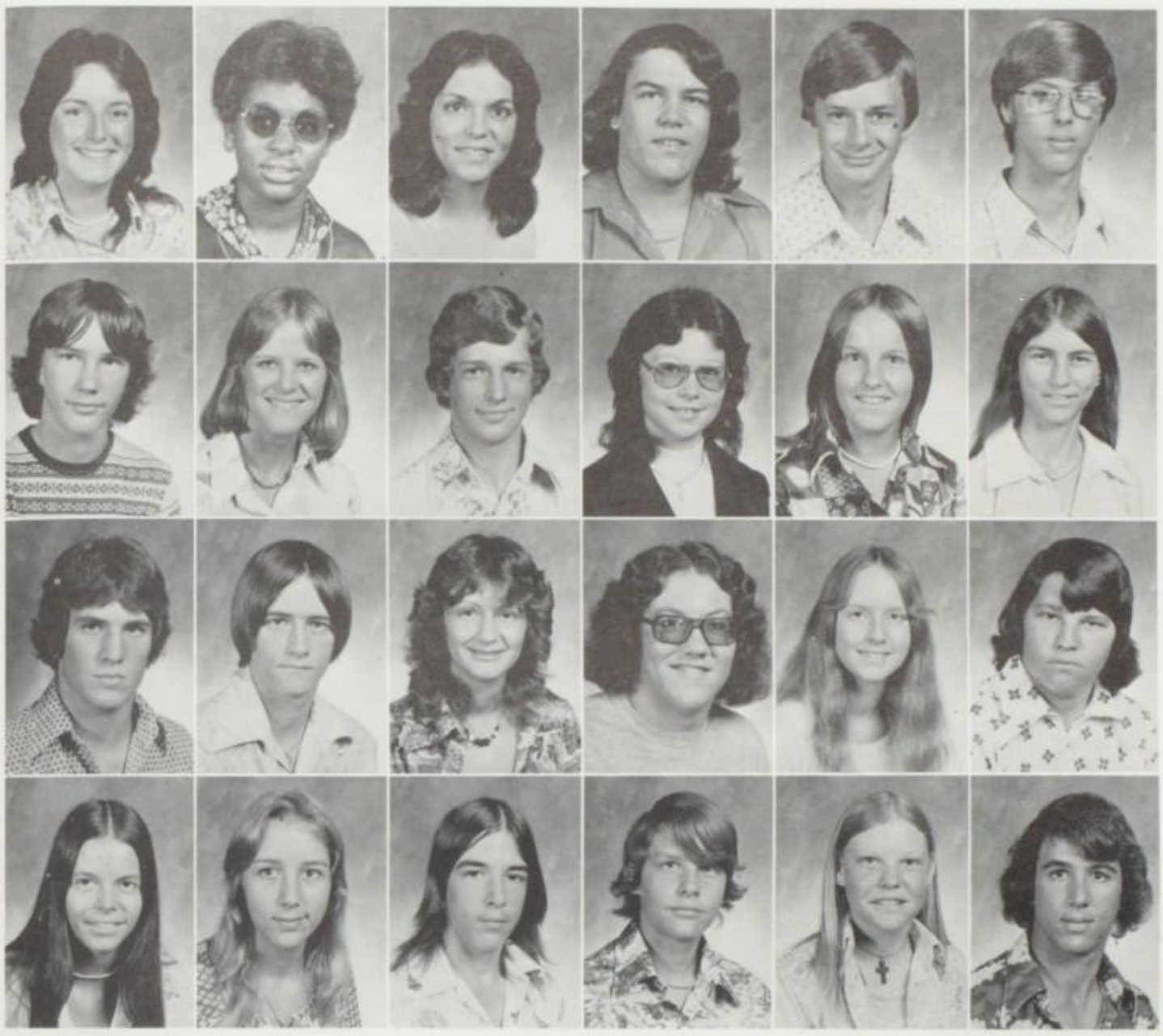
Robin Mosblech
Michele Moses
Lisa Mumma
James Munday



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Tanya Myrick
Chuck Nelson
Mike Nelson
Richard Nelson

Steve Nichols
Laura Nichols
Renz Nichols
Renee Nickels
Susan Nouss
Tammy Olschlager

Bryan O'Malley
Mike O'Neal
Tara Orlando
Joe O'Rourke
Charlene Osburn
Mark Osieczanek

Cathi Ozbirn
Donna Ozbirn
Ronnie Ozbirn
David Palkowski
Lynn Palkoswki
Johnny Pappas

Class Finances Prom With Magazine Sales

This year, as in past years, the junior class sponsored the Junior-Senior Prom. In the fall class officers met and discussed the most important detail of any prom — the cost and how to meet it.

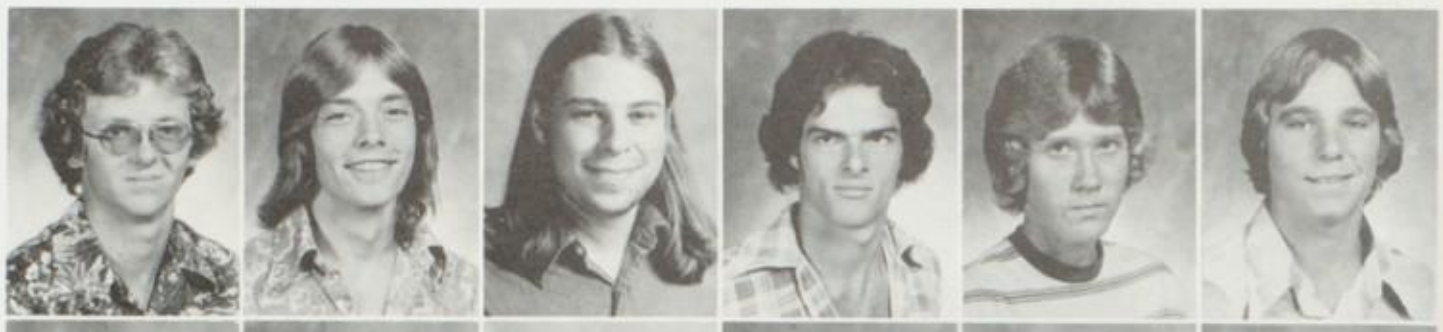
As in past years the first activity was the magazine sales. The program was kicked off with a pep rally. It was hoped this would inspire great sales, but as usual the apathetic juniors failed to produce. Consequently other money raising projects had to be planned.

Debbie Mosier, who made the most sales, received the 8-track player as top prize. Other students were awarded varying amounts of cash and an invitation to the prom with a minimum of three sales.

Juniors Cyndy Moore and Susan Nouss try to coerce sophomore Kim Nash (center) into buying a magazine. The magazine sales are an important part in financing the prom.

Debbie Mosier was the top seller in the magazine sales with $406. Debbie received an 8-track player, while other top selling juniors received varying cash prizes.

James Parish
Eric Parker
Dyson Patterson
Kevin Patterson
Brad Pelszynski
Scott Penny



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Pam Peregoy
Lawrence Peterson
Paul Petry
Rick Petry
Terry Phelps

Willie Poff
Beth Ann Pallard
Chris Poschel
Jarratt Powell
Mary Powell
Steve Potts

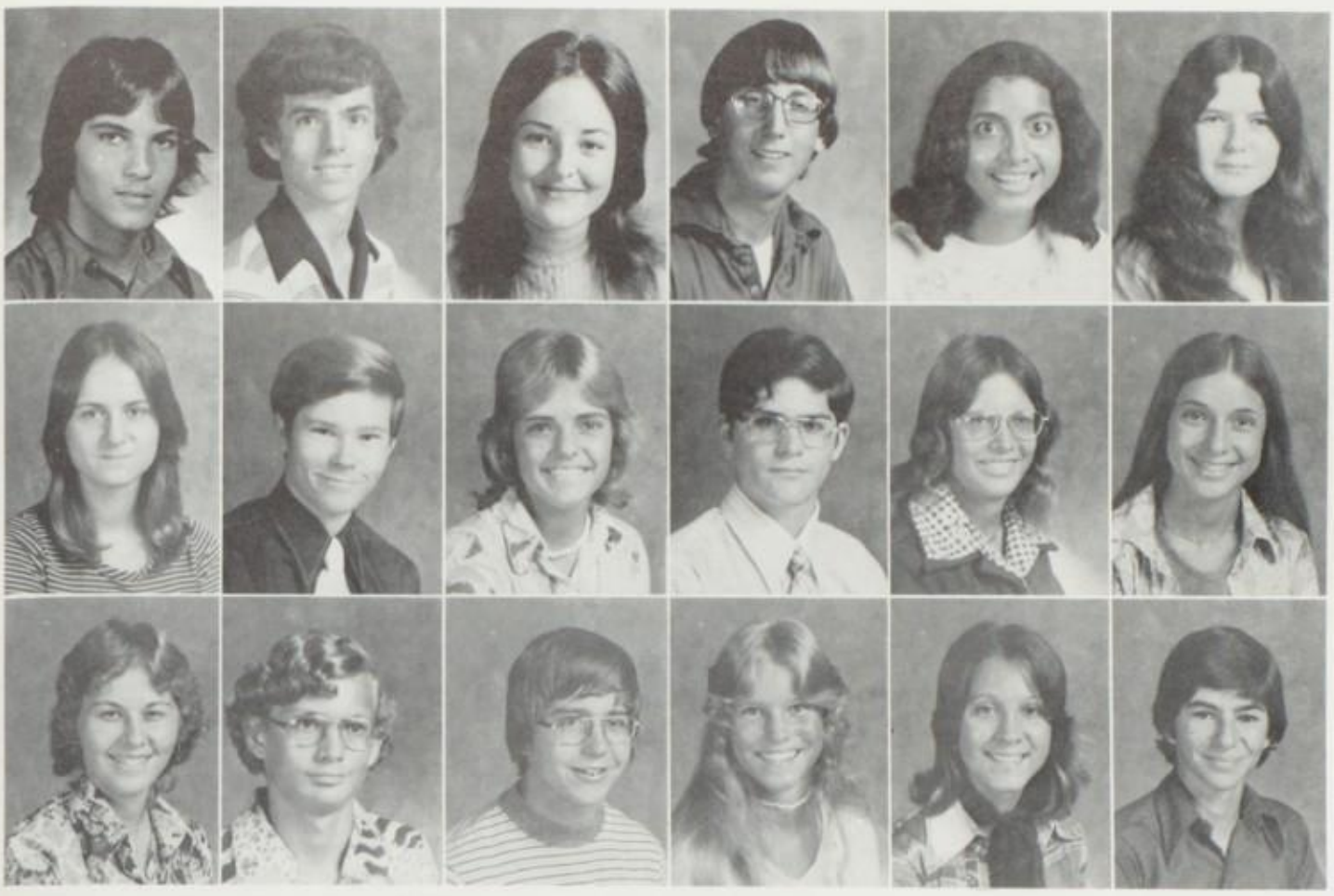
Eric Prentice
Mike Prescott
Gay Prince
Robin Prince
Cathy Pritchard
Bill Ralph

Gayle Raspberry
Carey Rawlerson
Mark Rawlins
Marc Ray
Tom Ray
Jeff Reed

Terri Reese
Joe Reither
Jay Rhein
Delores Rhodes
Judy Ricks
Haywood Riggins

Scott Riley
Debbie Risher
Wynn Rivers
David Robards
Wesley Robinson
Yvonne Robinson

Ed Rock
Melani Rodgers
Erik Rohlman
Terri Rookstool
Steve Rowland
Robbie Roy

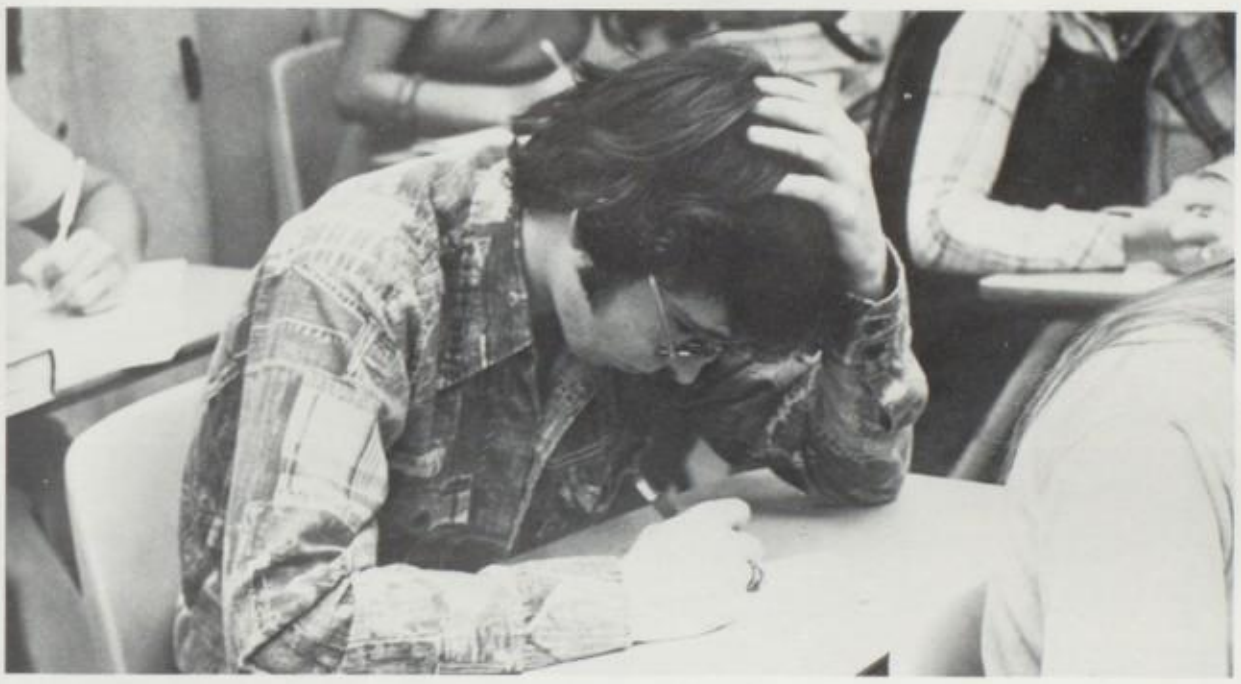


Mike Rudd
Ronald Rushing
Julie Russell
Ron Sacco
Jo Anne Saez
Rose Sample

Linda Sanderson
Herman Sandiford
Kathy Saxer
Frank Scalfano
Rita Schaefer
Vicki Scherer

Patty Schlau
Mark Schroeder
Steve Scott
Vicki Seeger
Kim Senyk
Don Shade

Studies Present American Ideals, Attitudes



"Contrary to popular opinion, you *do* need this class to graduate," teachers reminded. Even so, required courses seemed to have a higher rate of failing students. The problem of on which level the class should be taught has not yet been resolved satisfactorily.

For juniors, American Literature and American History caused the most headaches. Some also took Comparative Political Systems, another specified for juniors and seniors. These required courses occupied the junior class en masse — perhaps the one common bond that united it.

Learning about our country's heritage, even in this 200th anniversary year, failed to arouse interest in most. The need for these studies, however, is obvious. The Bicentennial and presidential election did afford more opportunity for variety. Television specials and local appearances often made the daily bulletin.

Top Left: Junior Scott Waters ponders over a composition for American Lit. All English students must learn and relearn these skills, no matter what culture he is studying.

Bottom Left: Mr. Fulton Smith illustrates a theory of the United States' westward expansion in American History. Juniors learn about the basic development of our society.

Tracy Sherman
Rachelle Shewmake
Tim Shiring
Mark Shomberg
Randy Showers
Bob Sikes

David Simpson
Skip Singleton
Nancy Slider
Theresa Sloma
Dennis Smith
Karen Smith

Linda Smith
Patti Smith
Regina Smith
Sherry Smith
Willie Smith
Kim Smoak

Kathy Sotile
Carolyn Souter
Cindy Sowell
Ken Spratt
Sharon Stabler
Gayle Stafford

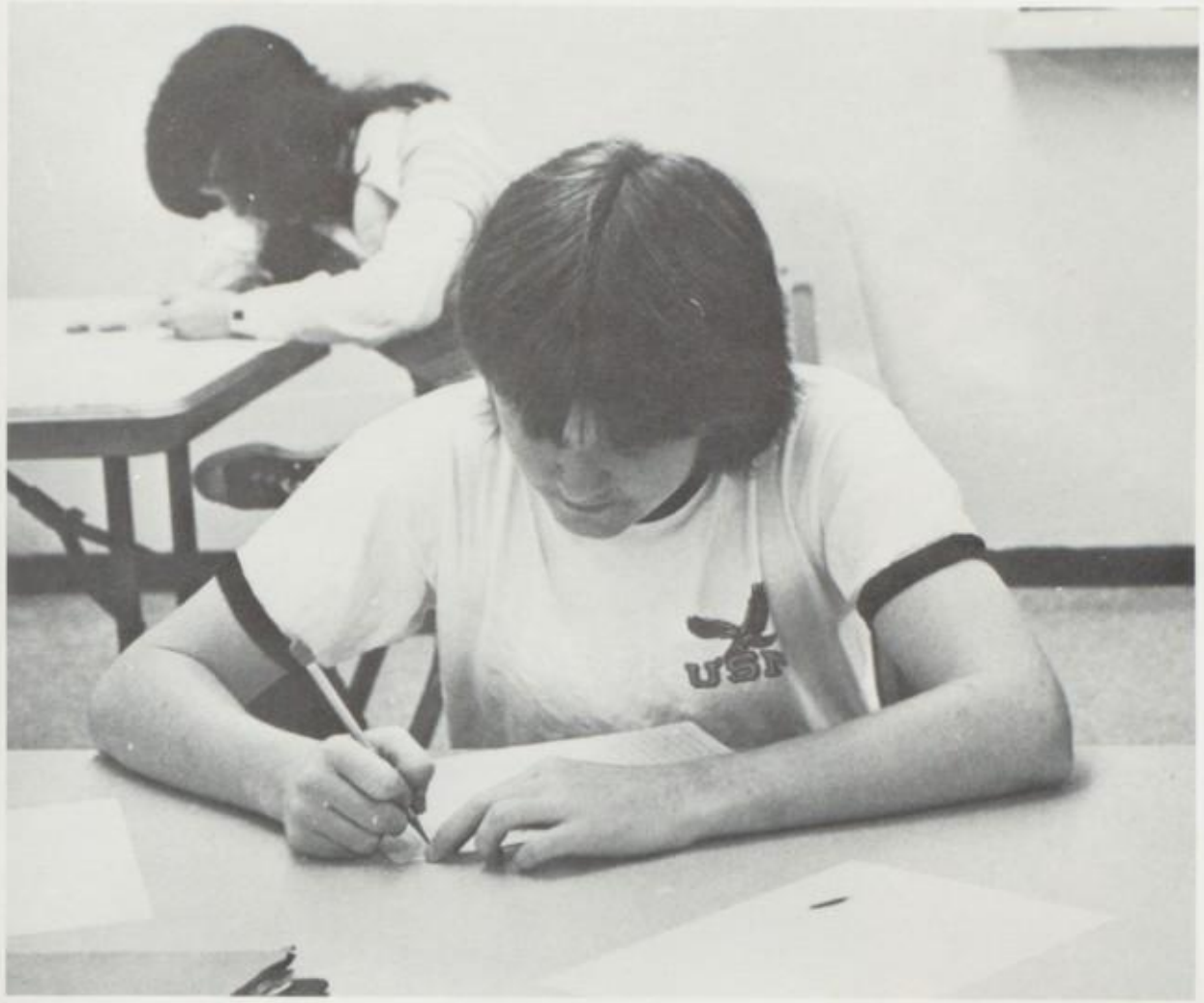
Ronald Stanley
Sanford Stanton
Carrie Stapleton
Jodi Starkel
Edward Starkey
Michael Steele

Kathy Stephens
Suzanne Stevens
Tammy Stevens
Mark Stillings
Ricky Stokes
Sara Stolpes

Nancy Stone
Scott Straub
William Strickland
Wesley Study
Kathy Sunday
Ronnie Tambunga

John Tandler
Paula Tatum
James Taylor
Keith Taylor
Don Teague
Lisa Templin

Exams Reveal Scholastic Ability Of Juniors



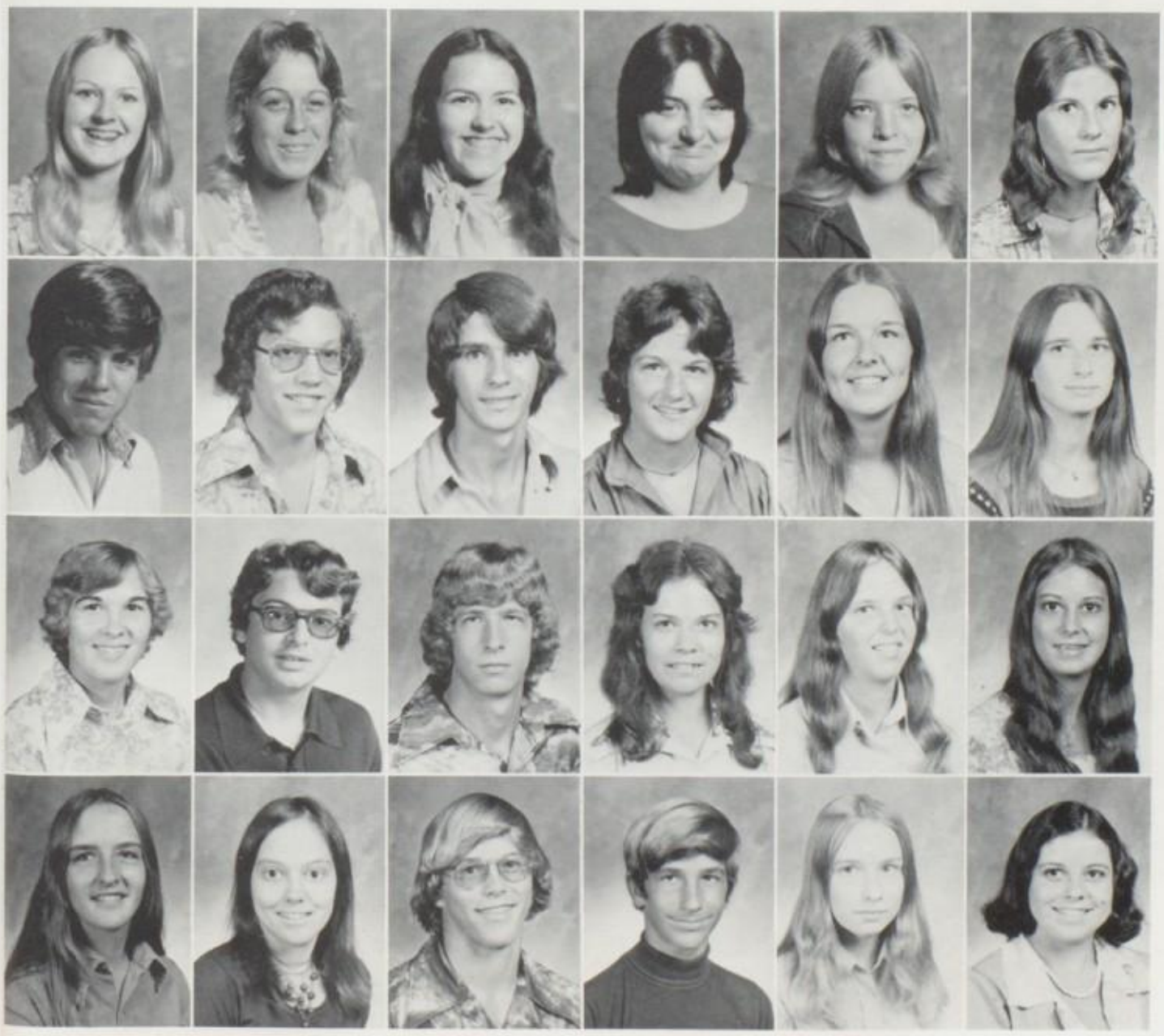
In preparation for their senior year, college or what lies beyond this year's juniors were bombarded with the usual tests.

The PSAT-MSQT was a major "college bound" test of the year. This test showed the student how he or she ranked among juniors across the rest of the country. It also helped prepare for the SAT, which was the college entrance "must" given to all the interested seniors. Testing concentrated on the English and the Mathematical skills of the student.

Another test available for the juniors was the MAO exam sponsored by Mu Alpha Theta. This was a mathematical examination.

The final aptitude test of the year was the ASVB, a vocational and interest survey. The test was given by the Armed Forces.

Mike Madaris works diligently on one of the many tests given this year to juniors. With their pencils ready, juniors were offered a variety of intelligence and interest tests.



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Erin Terrell
Natalie Teuton
Kathy Thayer
Judi Thomas
Mary Ann Thomas

Ben Thompson
Duff Thompson
Lee Thompson
Mary Thoreen
Pam Tibbetts
Rachel Tidwell

Lavonne Titus
Mark Todd
Mark Todd
Jackie Trippe
Karen Tucker
Gina Tuele

Lily Turnbull
Susie Valenzano
Miles Valentine
Scott Van Dyke
Annette Vandermark
Michelle Van Liere

Energetic Students Look To Senior Year

The Junior class, although inactive as a whole, did contain some outstanding students. Through their efforts and hard work, they proved there was, in fact, a junior class.

In October, James Given was able to raise $1200 in the annual Heart Fund Cyclethon. With 350 sponsors and a borrowed bicycle, James rode 75 miles to help the Heart Fund. The Okaloosa County REACT awarded James a ten-speed bicycle to show the community's appreciation.

Debbie Mosier, James Given, and Patty Flanders were awarded special recognition as top salesmen during the annual magazine sales drive.

Choctaw was well represented at the YMCA Youth Legislature. Bubba Garner, one of the juniors who attended, was elected President *Protem* of the Senate for 1977.

Top Right: Vicky Scherer was selected this year as Star Student, class of 1977. She represented Choctaw in the state-wide program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Bottom: These juniors attended the YMCA Youth Legislature held in Tallahassee, taking several top honors. Brenda Bludworth was selected to attend National Affairs.

Top Left: Juniors were active in both service and interest clubs. In March, Brenda Bludworth was chosen as Leader of the Month for her work as Junior Tri-Hi-Y president.

Julie Voiles
Debbie Wade
Dale Waldorff
Wayne Walker
Robert Wallace
Kim Warren

Scott Waters
Jay Watters
Selena Weathers
Diane Weaver
Elizabeth Webb
Bill Webb

Lisa Weber
Terry Webster
Lynn West
Sue Whatley
Troy Wheelahan
Cheryl White

Kathy White
Susan White
Patti Whitehead
Dana Whitney
Stan Wiggins
Becky Wildberger

Steve Wilkinson
Rhonda Williams
Larry Wilson
Marty Wilson
Ronnie Wilson
Cindy Wingo

Pam Whitney
Debbie Wood
Becky Woolsey
Lynn Wright
Randy Wyatt
Willis Yates

Karen Yii
Marion Young
Paula Ziglar
William Zuhlke

Placing in the Talent Show, winning Mr. Mock CHS, and being elected president of Hi-Y for 1977 are a few accomplishments resulting from Jim Parish's involvement in school.

SOPHOMORES

"The sophomores are shorter this year."
"Not really, it's just that we don't measure-up yet."

"I can't believe I'm here at Choctaw High school at last, I'm so excited! Where's the bathroom?"

They are those 840 screaming, bewildered, awestruck, innocent —

SOPHOMORES

Officers Start Off Slow, Finish Year Ahead

After the election returns were in, the new selectees took office. Slow getting off the starting block, the sophomore class finished well ahead of the race by sponsoring a variety of activities.

In the fall, class members took turns in manning a concession stand during JV football games. Then for their Homecoming project, the underclassmen designed and constructed the winning float.

To end the year, the sophs sponsored Senior Appreciation Day. It had a smoldering beginning, but the sophomore class finished up like a roaring bonfire.

Sophomore class officers are Robert Harden, treas.; Kim McPhail, historian; Randy Sansom, pres.; Channa Gillmore, v. pres.; Mary Moore, secretary; and Chris Saxer, v. pres.

Brenda Abington
Robert Adair
Heather Adams
Mike Adams
Richard Adams
Terry Adams
Ronny Aldridge

Kitty Alexander
Mark Allen
Eddie Allison
Chip Alvey
James Anderson
Joey Angelo
Michelle Appleby

David Applegate
Ann Ardery
Beth Armbrester
Dale Arnold
Gary Arnold
Richard Arnold
Ralph Ash

Sylvia Austin
Ralph Baldwin
George Ball
Margaret Barco
Randy Barido
Woody Barnes
Beverly Barranco

Kenny Barrintine
Tom Barry
Yoshimi Barth
Bret Barto
Cheryl Baxter
Ven Hong Bau
Cheryl Beaduet

Susan Beck
Barbara Becker
Dewey Bell
Mark Benjamen
Rhonda Bentley
James Berry
Phillip Best

Connie Blackwell
Barbara Blair
Mike Blanchard
Brent Bledsoe
Cindy Bodily
Gary Bolt
Rebecca Boning

Patti Boone
Joe Boswell
Lynn Boswell
Phillip Boswell
Phil Boudreau
Rex Bowman
Imogene Boyd

Colleen Boyle
Debbie Brackenridge
Beth Brannon
Teresa Brewer
Susie Breite
Joel Bridges
Rene Bridges

Michael Brigance
Robert Brinkerhoff
William Britnell
Steve Brockman
Latricia Brooks
Sherry Brooks
Darlene Brorson

Cherrie Brown
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Desire Brown
George Brown
Juanita Brown
Ronnie Brown
Terry Bruce

Cindy Bryan
Dawn Bryan
Bucky Buchanan
Jeannie Buchebner
Roger Budd
Debbie Bulger
Kelley Bulger

Robin Bullock
Sandy Bures
Laura Burt
Elizabeth Byrde
Erin Byrne
Janet Campbell
Sydney Campbell

Wanda Campbell
Jill Cappadona
Kelley Carle
Jimmy Carpenter
Stephen Carrier
Tim Cassidy
Sue Ann Cavaneau

Ronnie Cayton
Kim Cazell
Danny Chaffer
Sue Chapman
Valerie Christian
Chuck Chunn
Sean Clancy

Cheryl Clarey
Bonita Clark
Cindy Clark
Debbie Clark
Kathy Clark
Lee Clark
David Clay

Sandra Clayborne
Bennet Cline
Melissa Clinger
Debbie Coleman
Donna Commander
Kelley Conklin
Troy Cook

Mary Cooper
Wendy Cowan
Frank Cox
Kathy Cox
Rob Crawford
Gary Crawley
Kim Creamer

David Crews
Dena Cudney
Sandra Cummins
Helen Dal Santo
Cathy Davis
Kathy Davis
John Dean

Jon Dean
Darcey Devalcourt
Mike Devors
Susan Dewrell
Don Dillon
Valerie Ditterline
Cecillia Dixon

David Doss
Greg Dotson
Denise Doughty
Steven Downs
Sandra Doyle
Joanne Drew
Denise Drotleff

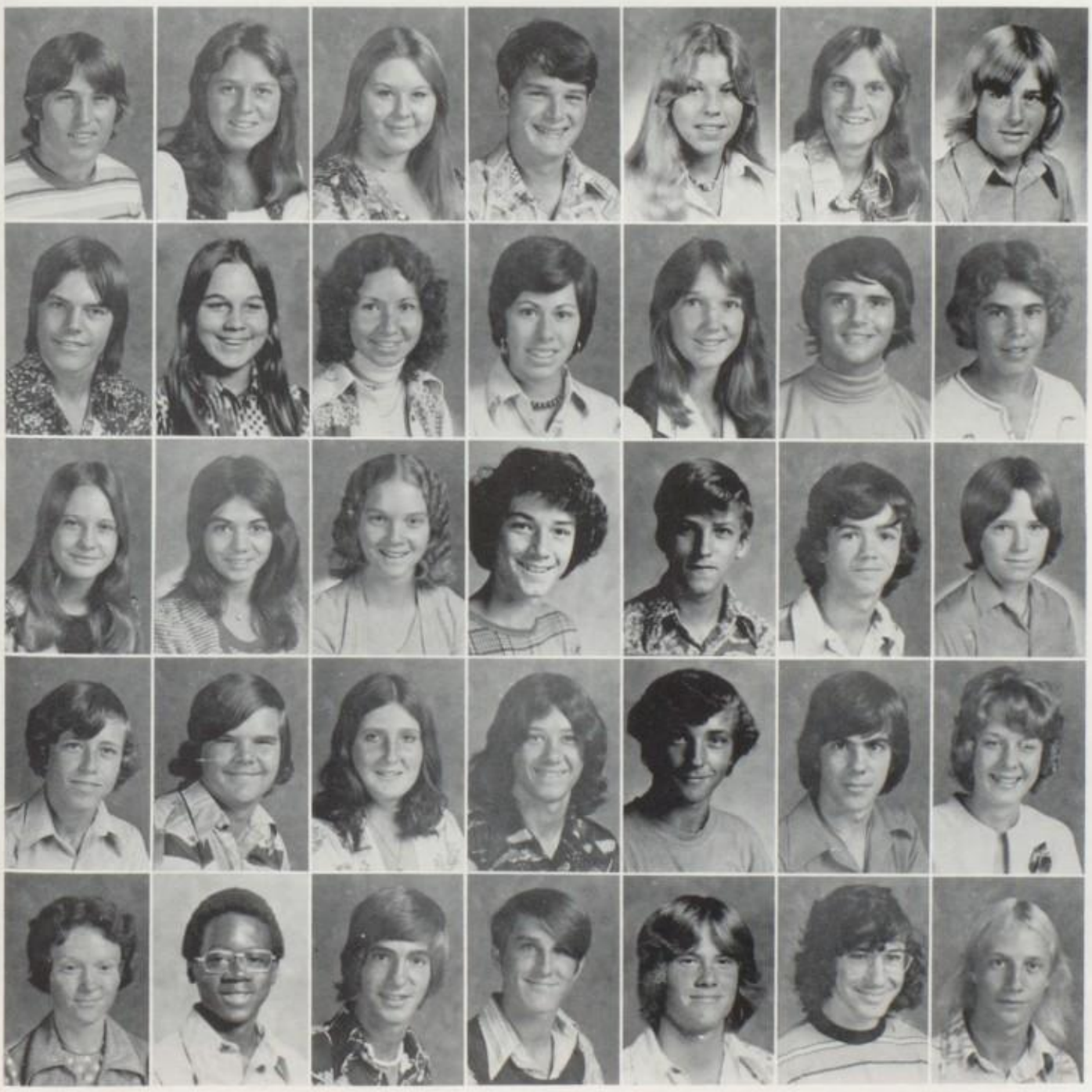
Karen Drosche
Robin Duke
Tommy Duke
Andy Duncan
Steve Dunker
Glenn Dunn
Kay Dunn

Micki Dunne
Jill Dunwoody
Mike Durazo
Sharon Dyess
Glenna Early
Donna Earndheart
Greg Easom

Lunchroom Gives Sophs A "Taste" Of CHS

The first day in a new school can be a bewildering experience for anyone. For 500 little green Indians, their first encounter with the lunchroom was the *coup de grace.* As these poor lost souls wandered into the cafeteria holding 500 Mickey Mouse lunch boxes, milk money, and elevator tickets, they discovered they could buy cokes. So the 500 cherubs bought cokes and made their way to their seats. Soon a rumble was heard — and here came the seniors. Despite all the pleas of squatter's rights, they were soon out in the cold, now wiser in the ways of CHS turfdom and seniority.

Lunch, most students' favorite part of the day, is a time for friends to get together and catch up on "all the news." Tracie Gold and Sara Wetherford enjoy mealtime talks.



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David Etheridge

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Cathy Evitts
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Jean Fernandez
Matt Ferris
Carl Few

Cathy Fields
Kathy Fields
Kathy Filiatreau
Joel Fiser
Kerry Fitzgerald
Junior Fleming
Dale Folsom

Gary Fortune
Emory Foster
Sherry Foster
Ricky Franklin
James Frashier
Anthony Freathy
Debbie Freeman

Linda Freeman
Eugene Freeman
Kenny Fridley
Mike Frosch
Tony Frost
Kevin Fuller
Bill Funderburk

Don Furber
Cindy Gallino
Helen Garofalo
Darlene Garrett
Richard Garrett
David Gaskin
Ronnie Gaylor

Diane Gieseking
Donna Gilbert
George Gill
Gill Gillespie
Kim Gillespy
Channa Gilmore
Mike Given

Matt Gleason
Lisa Glenn
Roxanne Godsil
Donny Godwin
Vicky Goetz
Tracey Gold
Linda Goldsmith

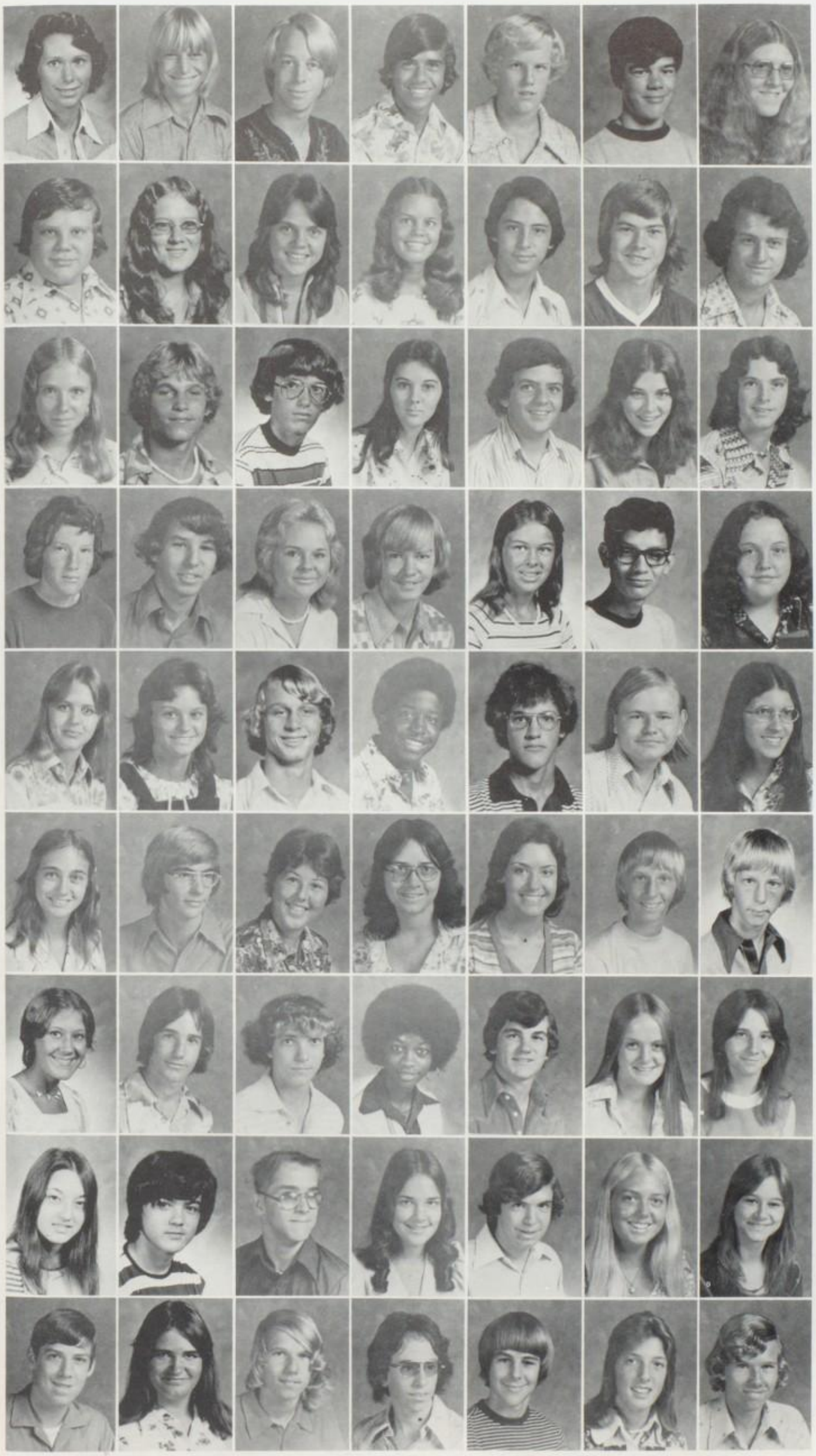
Cathy Gollehon
Eric Goodall
Terry Goshay
Mike Grady
Wayne Grantham
William Green
Pat Gregory

Becky Griffen
Lisa Grimes
Elvera Guerra
Mary Gunn
Garrett Guske
Jack Haigler
Karen Hall

Sophs Ride With Paul Revere To Winner's Circle

Although low on the totem pole, this year's sophomore class proved to be high in creativity and spirit throughout Homecoming. With much enthusiasm and vigor, the sophomore class went to work on their float. This called for a lot of help. The officers enlisted the aid of a few sophs and got their project rolling. Many problems cropped up from the time their float was simply molded chicken wire, to the time it was a finished product. However, all the tears, hard work, and the lengthy hours turned out to be worthwhile when the little green Indians came out on top with a winning float.

Spirited sophomores cheer their float as it passes by the crowds during this year's homecoming parade. Thus proving that the lowest on the totem pole can be tops.



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George Hambelton
Robert Hamilton
Tammy Hammrick

Lovel Hand
Norma Handcock
Ellen Handley
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Robert Harden
Tim Harmon
Tom Harper

Ginger Harrell
Craig Harris
Billy Harris
Donna Harris
Chris Harrison
Theresa Harrison
Nicky Harvell

Rodney Hayden
Paul Hearon
Troye Hedeman
Scott Heintzlemann
Debbie Hennecke
Freddie Henderson
Patricia Henderson

Mary Kay Hendricks
Allison Herring
David Higgins
Keith Hines
Lynn Hinton
Benny Hobbs
Liz Hodges

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Cori Kelley
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Gushing Spirit Continues During Holidays

When the Christmas season rolled around, a few clubs sponsored decorating contests. There was no way to avoid the spirit of the season. Reindeer cavorted in the windows, fake snow drifted through the air, and Santas lurked in the halls.

In the door decorating contest, sponsored by the Interact Club, a sophomore homeroom walked away with the first place honors. This class picked a team of seven to work on the door. The students put their own time into planning it and putting it together. The win showed the sophomore enthusiasm and desire to win over their upperclassmen.

Sophomores Kay Dunn and Jill Dewrell discuss what proved to be a winning idea for the door contest. Mrs. Harrison's homeroom truly was into the Christmas spirit.

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Jimmy Miller
Mark Miller
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Seniophomoreitis—Sweeping Choctawhatchee?

No, it's not a misprint, it really is seni-oph-omore-itis. If it were in the dictionary, the meaning might say: an ailment brought about by harassment as practiced by older inconsiderate students on younger, sweet, innocent students. Poor unsuspecting sophs were taken in by their wily unscrupulous elders practicing "senior privileges". Such things as going to the head of the lunch line and going to pep rallies first. Slowly but surely these activities had started to disappear — the sophs had wised up. Wisdom did not come easy, but having gained it, they sadistically looked toward '78.

One feature of Choctaw that Laura McCarty is finding out about, is the pool on the roof. Wayne Reynolds is happy to tell her about it and sell her a pass to the pool.

Janet Morris
Rick Morris
Sandy Morris
Rhonda Morrison
Tammy Muller
Bob Munday
Mary Munday

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Robert Murray
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Suzanne Phillips
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Tim Porter

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Lance Powell
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Danny Price
Dudley Primous
Greg Prince
Jeff Prince

Lori Pritchard
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Pat Radar
Mark Raleigh
Mike Raleigh

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Mike Shepard
William Shipley
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Scott Siegler
Lisa Signorelli

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Doug Smith

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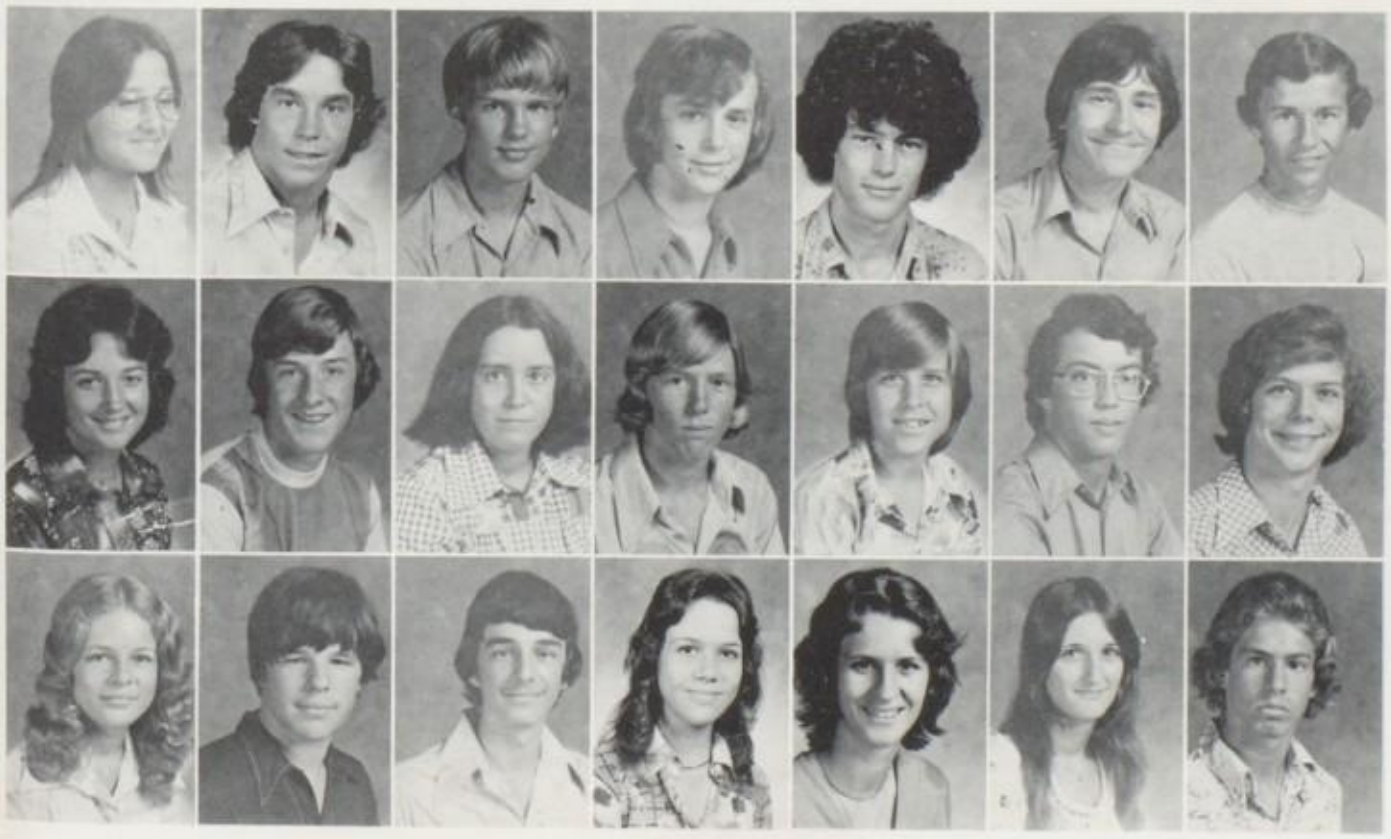
Karen Sparks

A Banner Year For Elevator Ticket Sales

It was sophomore orientation day at Choctaw and all the sophomores had arrived. No longer mere childern in junior high, they were one step away from "adult". Soon after their arrival, the sophomores realized that they were not alone. Long before the sophomores had made their appearance, the seniors were occupying their ticket selling positions throughout Choctaw.

The procedure was simple: two seniors would grab the soph; then they slammed him into a locker; then he is turned upside down and shaken. All change would go to a graduation party.

Chris Saxer doesn't like stairs at all and was overjoyed when offered an elevator pass. On the other hand, Jimmy Henry was overjoyed to sell him an elevator pass.



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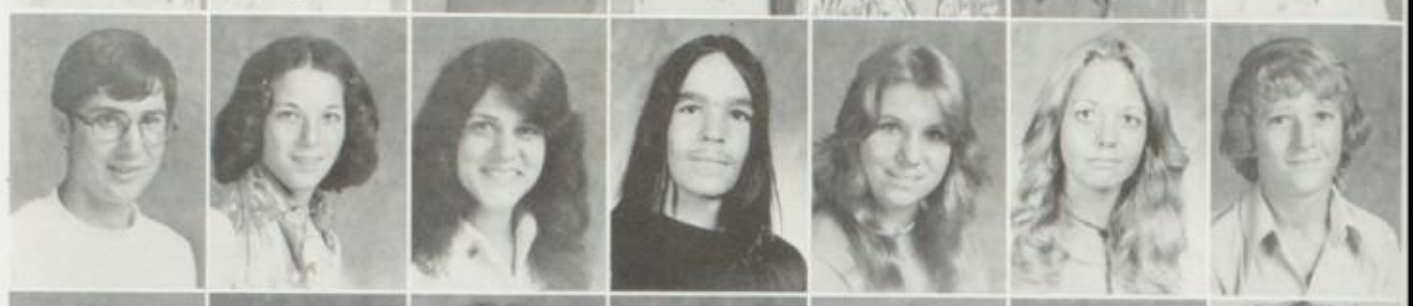

Liz Tennant
Jay Terflinger
Beverly Thirsk
Leslie Thomas
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Best Guy-n-Gal Selected For Sophomore Class

In the latter part of the school year, an election for class favorites took place. Each grade level chose the best-all-around girl and boy. At a spring pep rally the six winners were announced. The sophomore winners were Lisa Signorelli and Gary Phillips.

Because of their extra-curricular activities and involvement at Choctaw, it was easy to see how the two won. Lisa was a cheerleader, and she had helped paint signs and making spirit tags. Gary was active in sports and was a great assist to the golf team. He was also a very active member of Key Club.

For the 1975-1976 school year Miss Sophomore was Lisa Signorelli and Mr. Sophomore was Gary Phillips. Both of these students fully deserve these very honorable titles.

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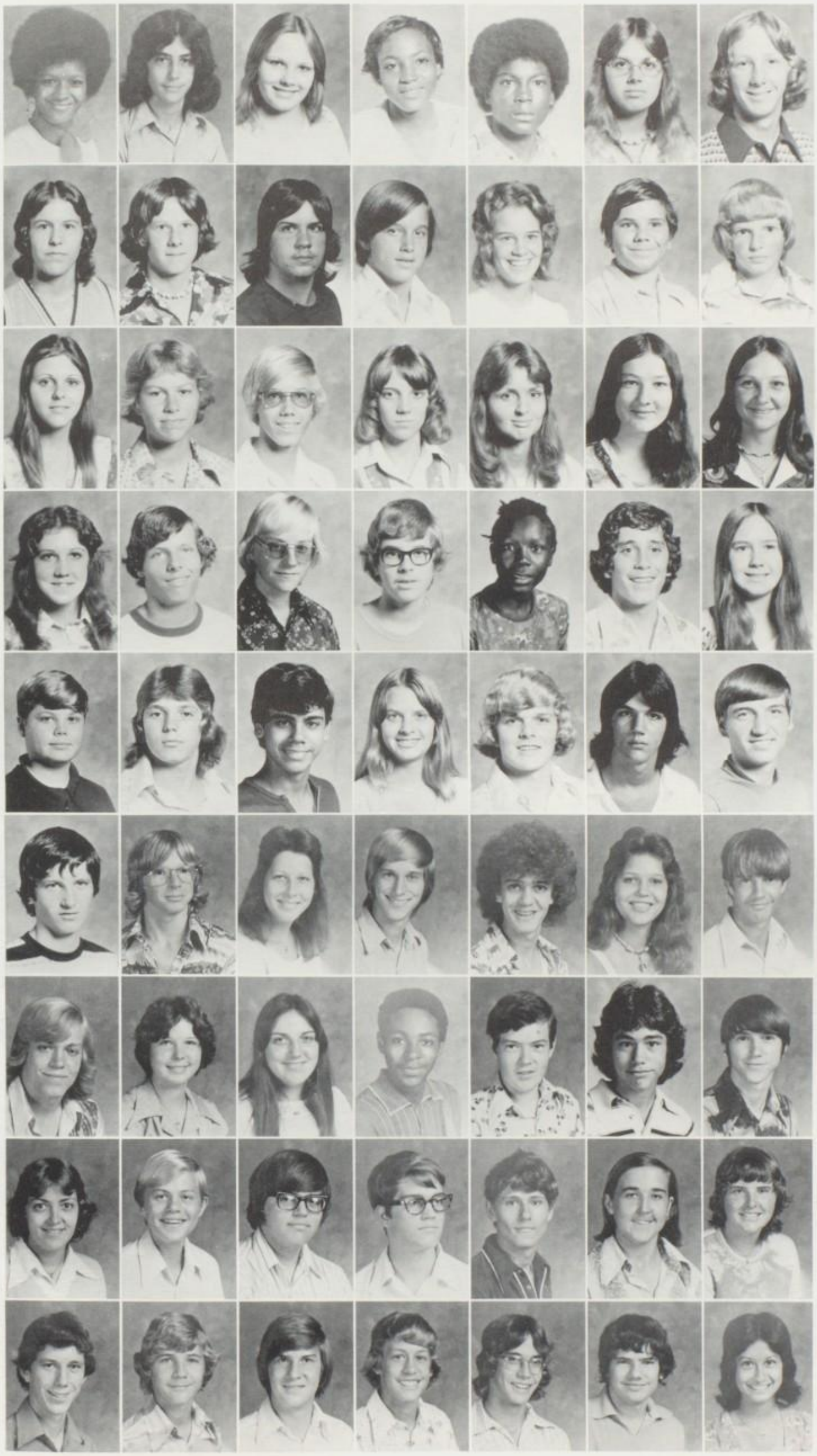

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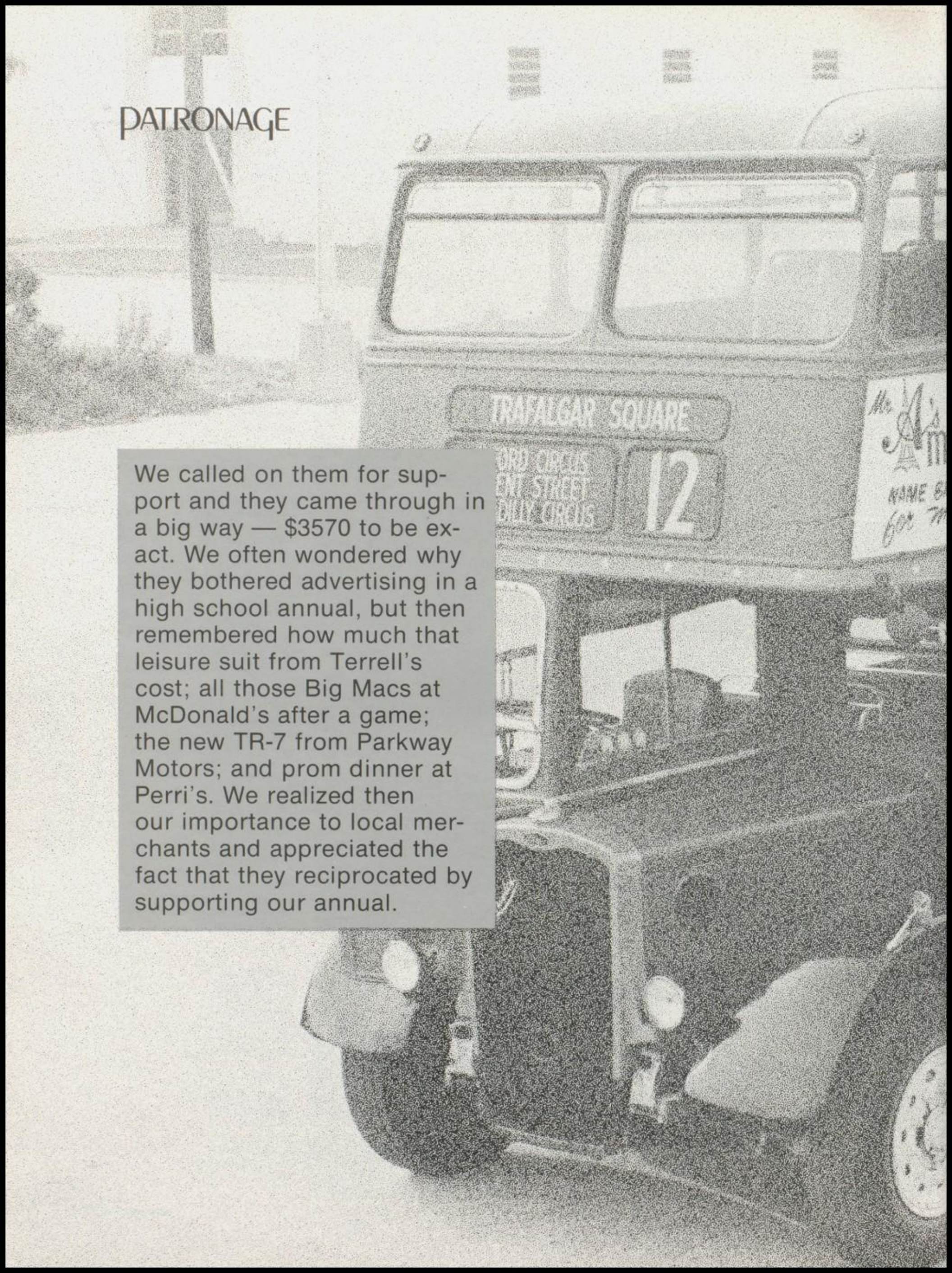

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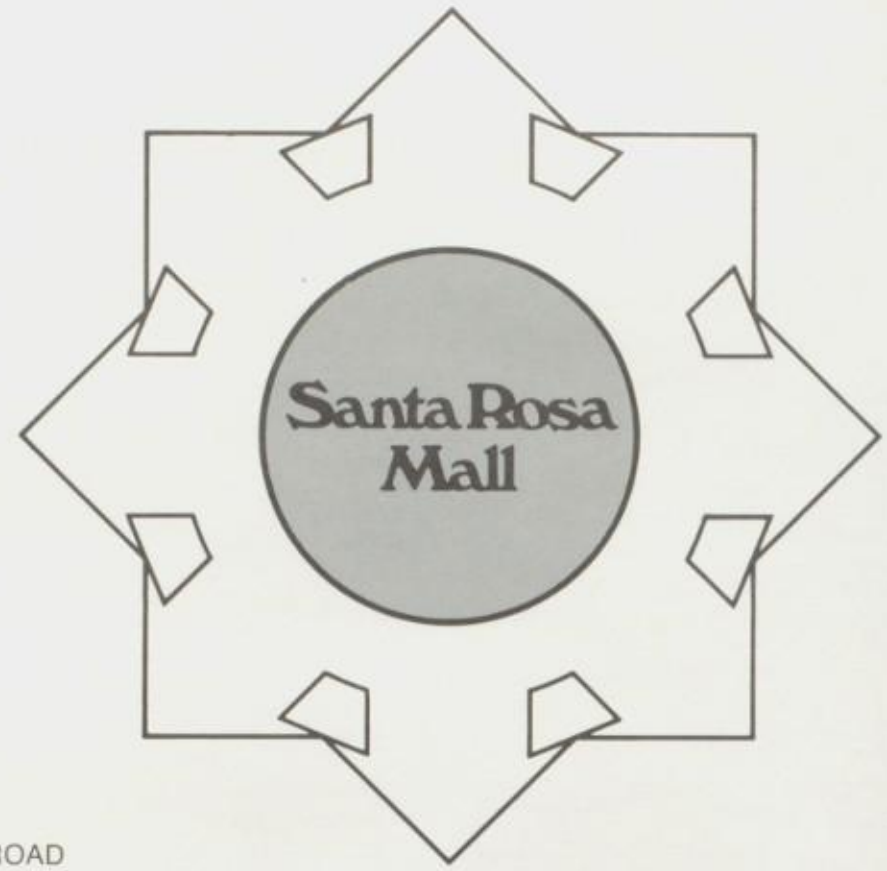

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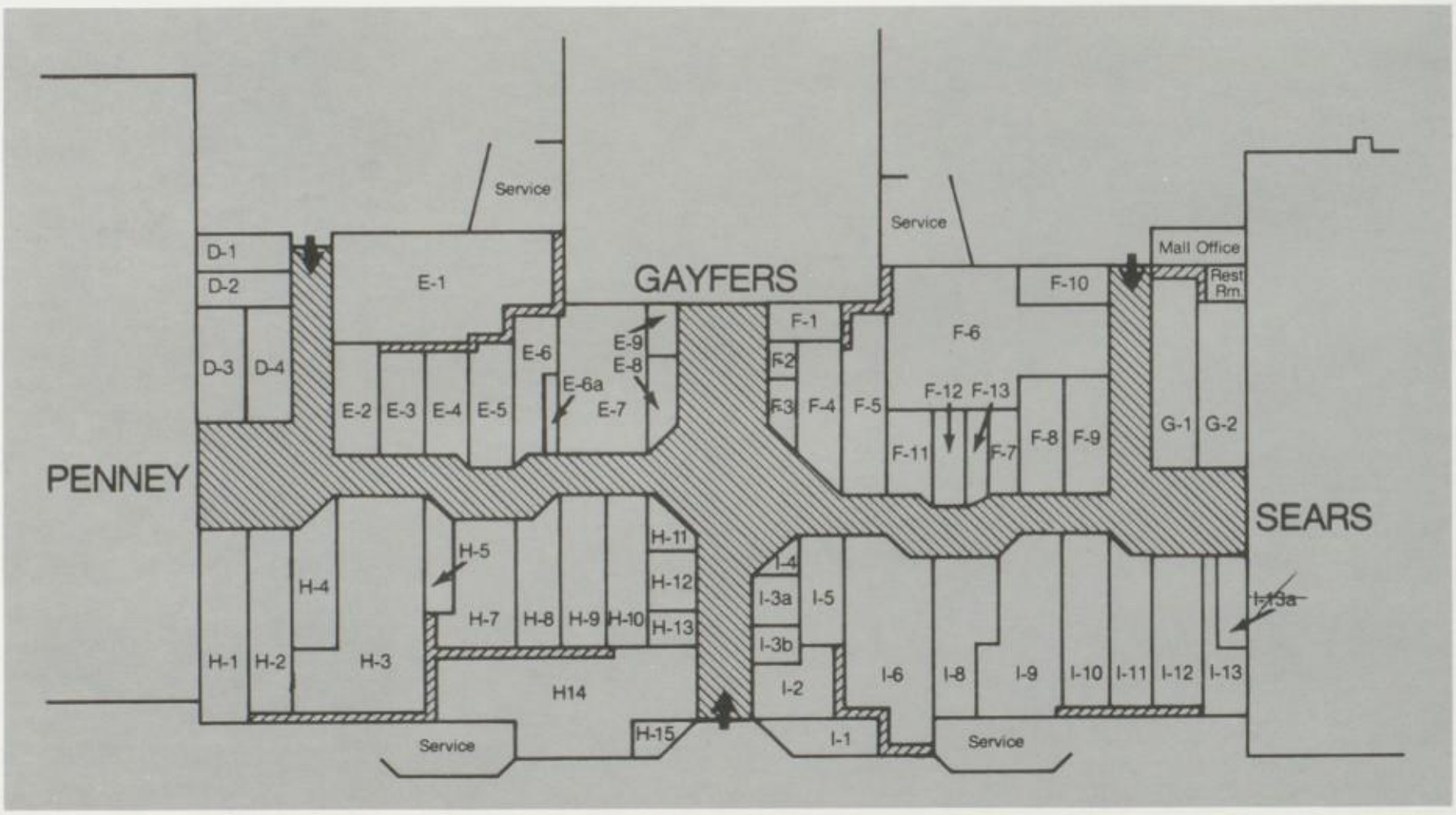

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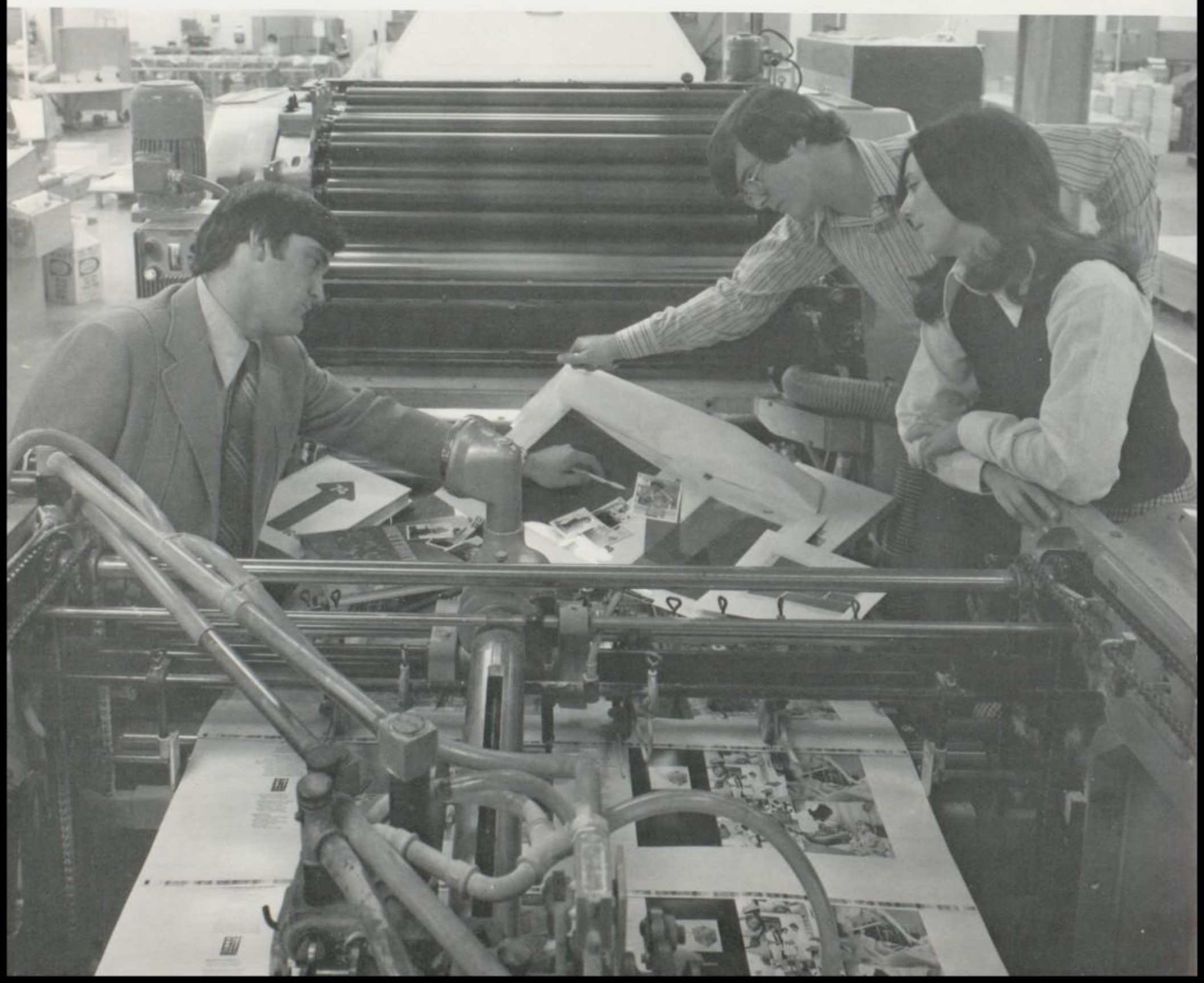

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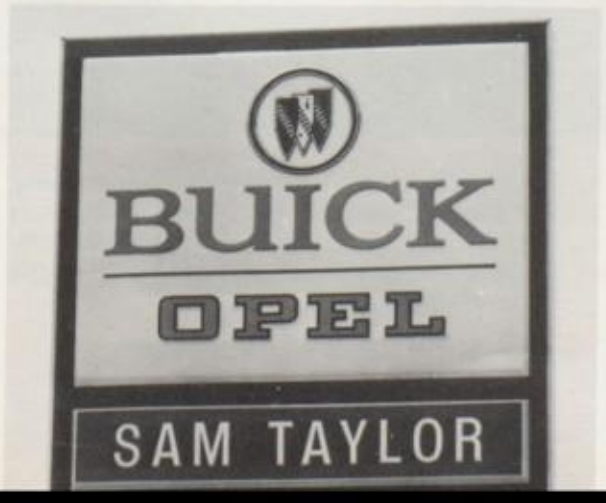

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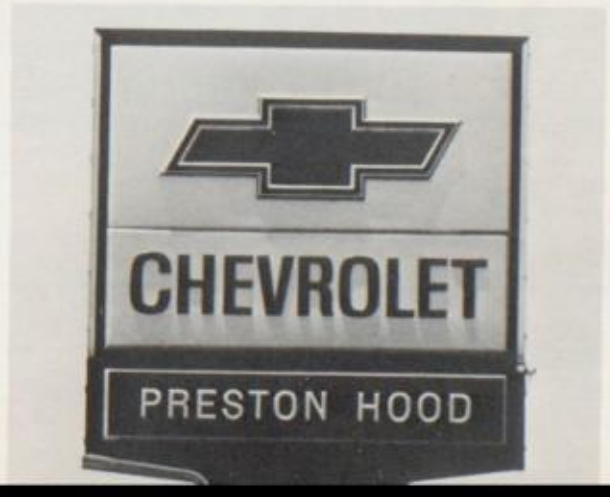

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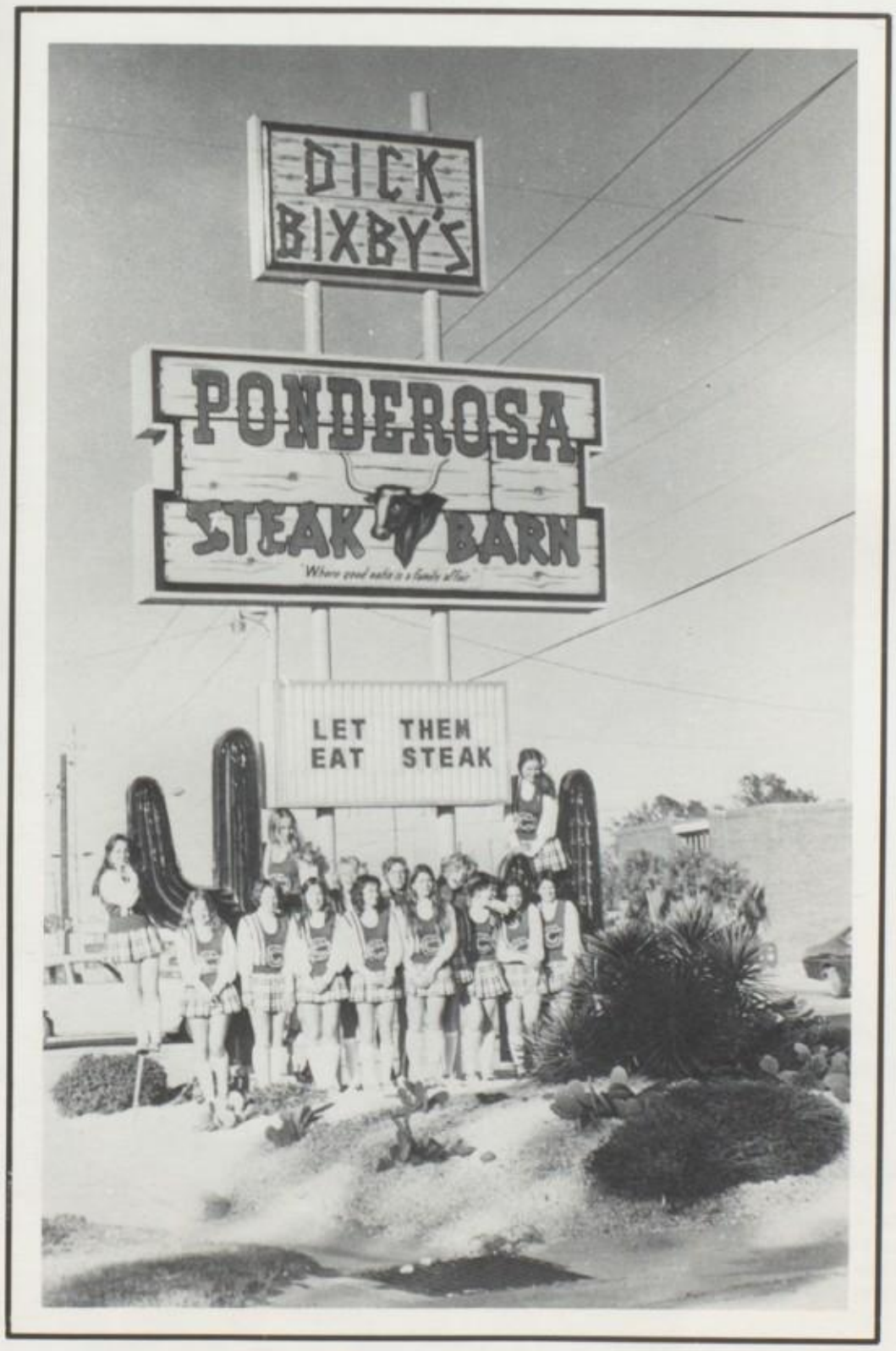

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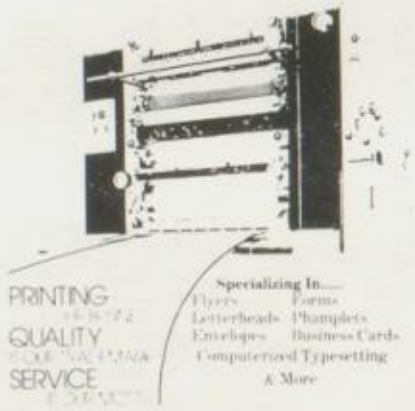

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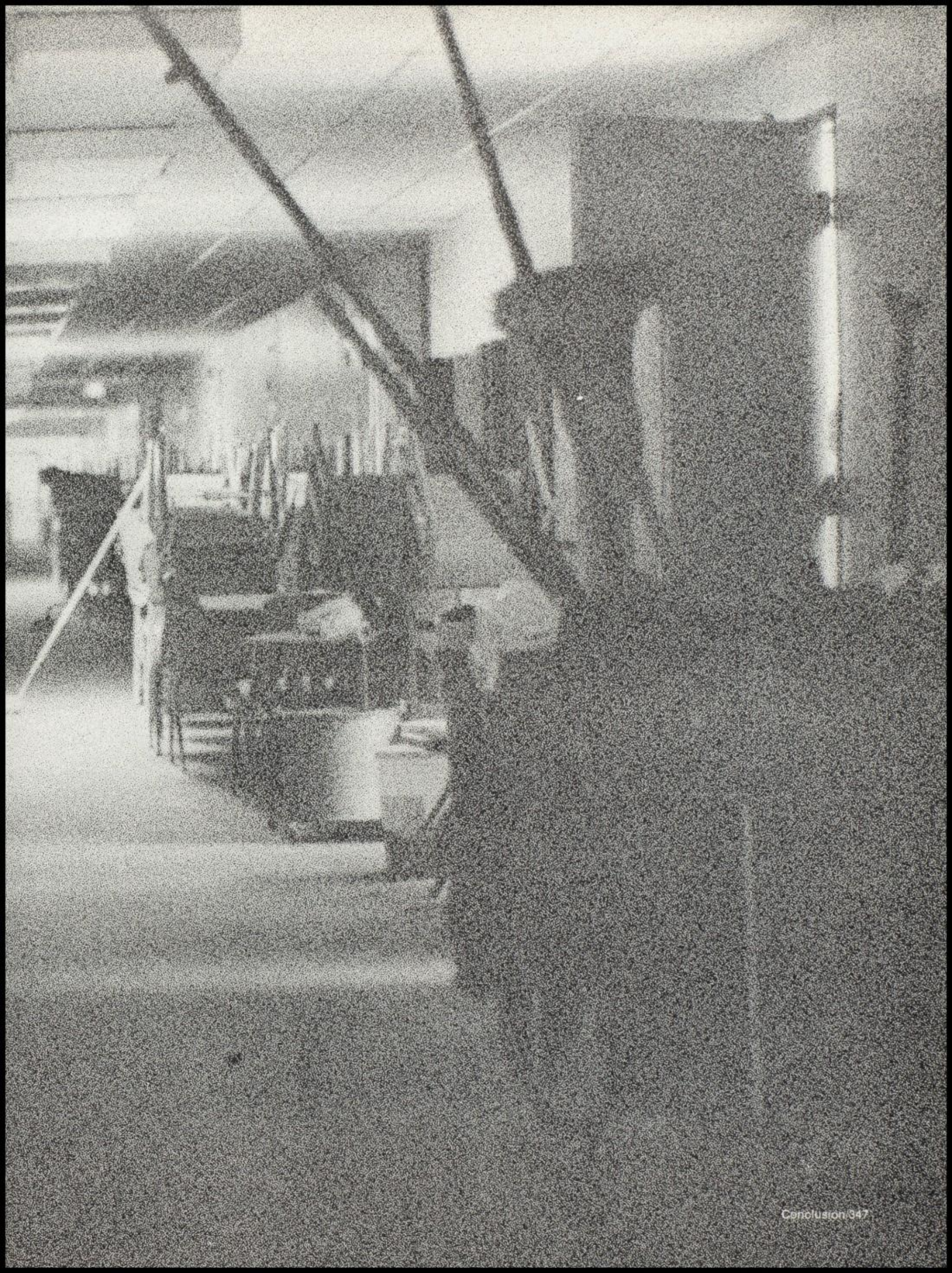

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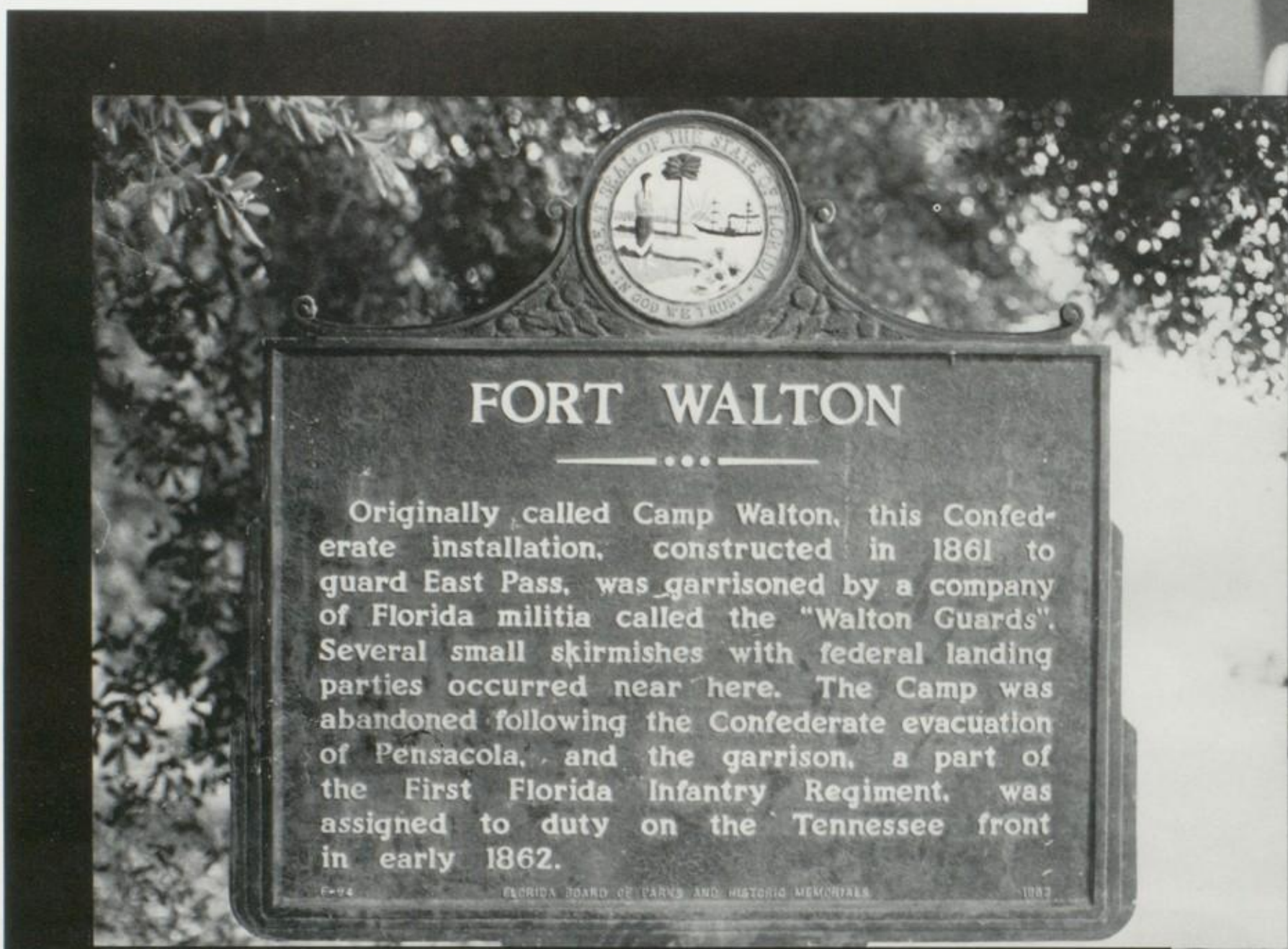

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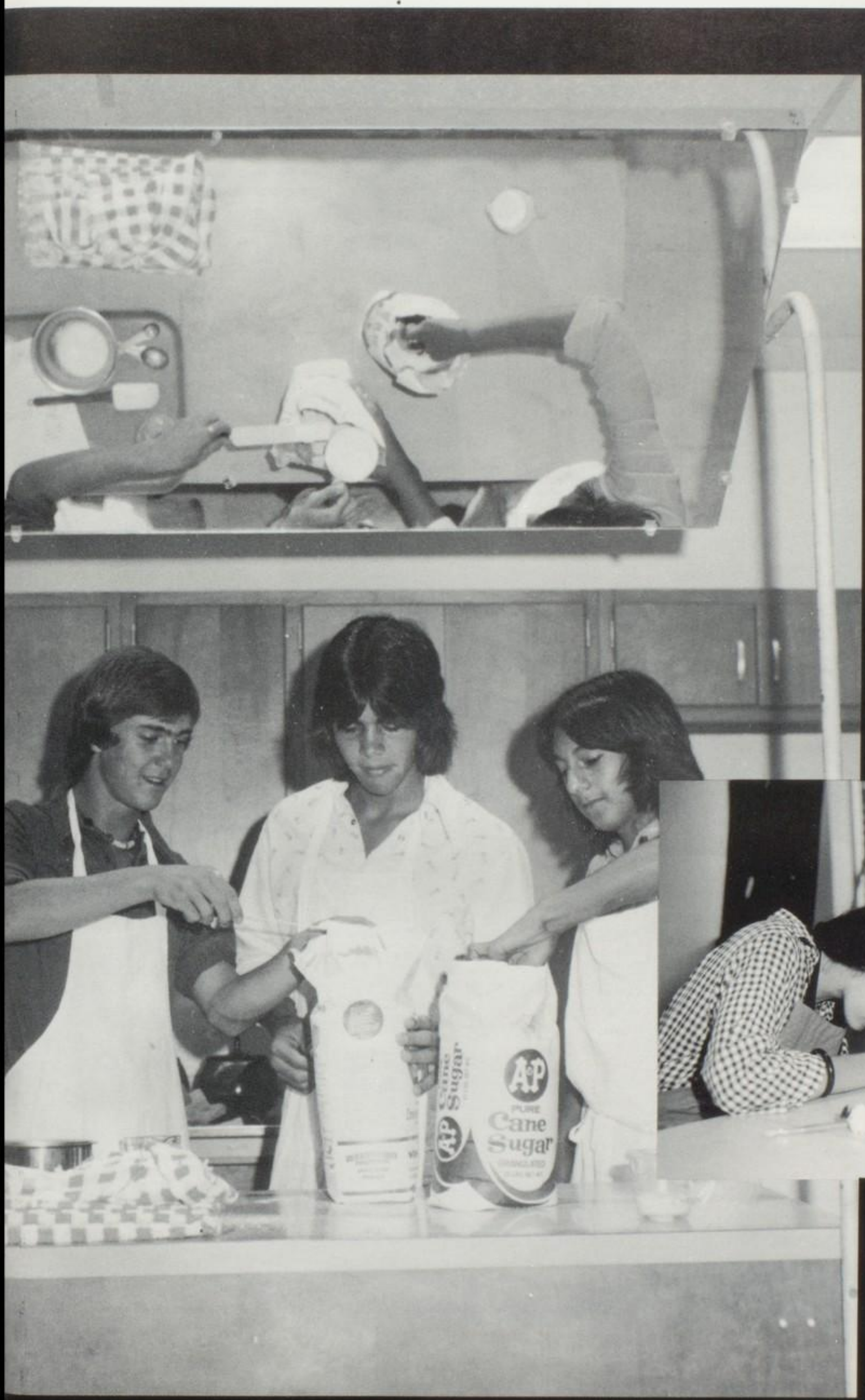
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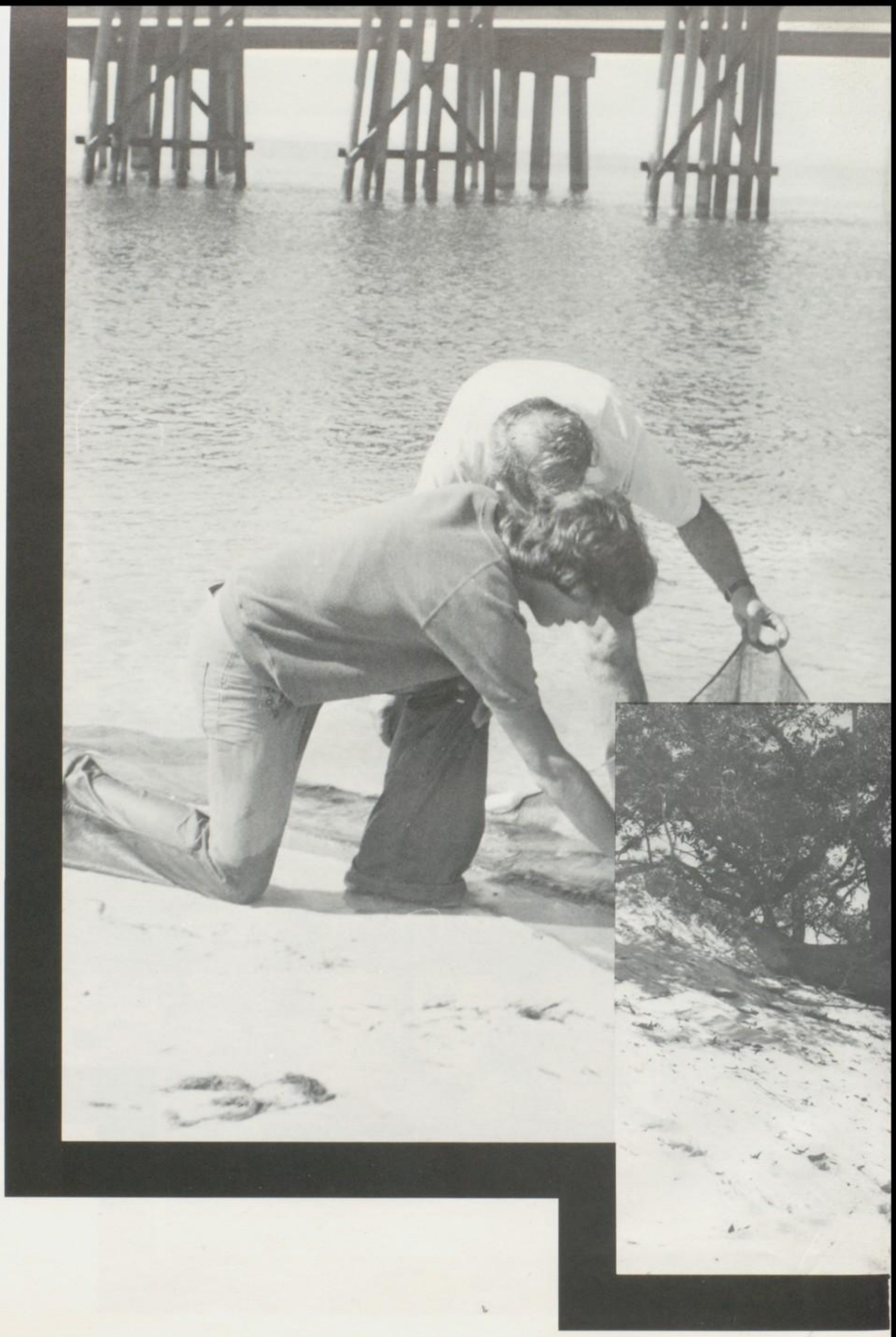

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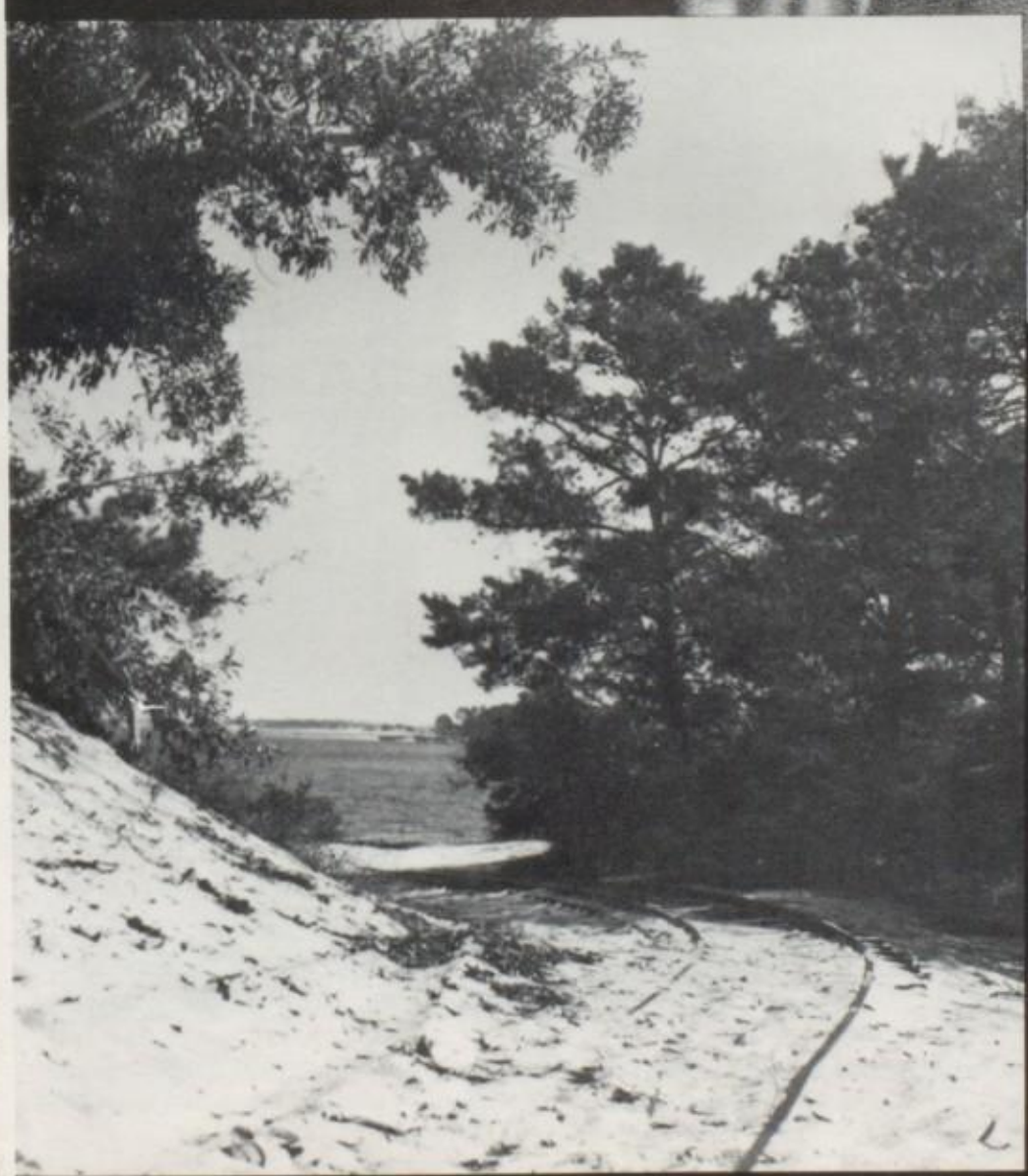

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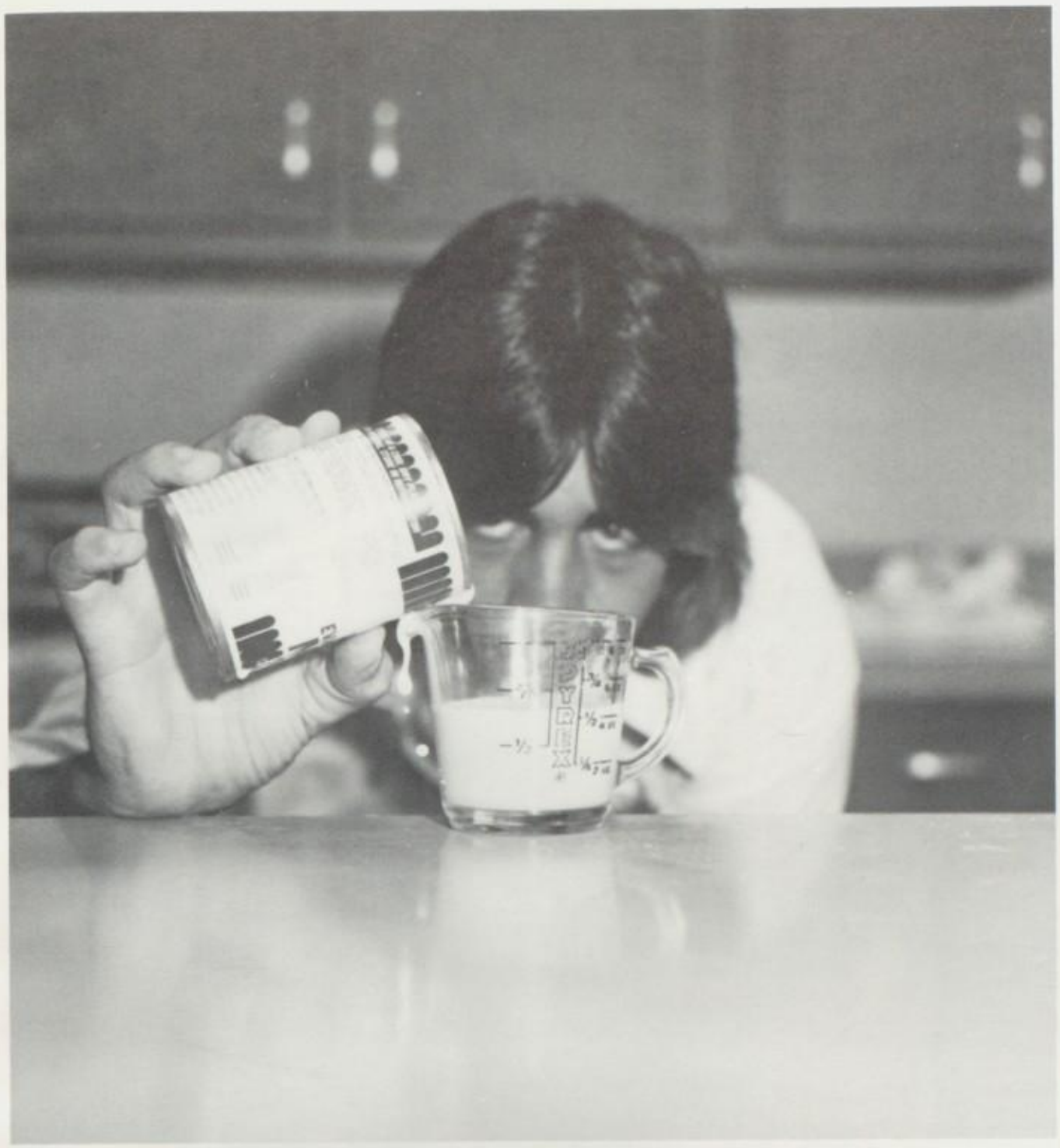

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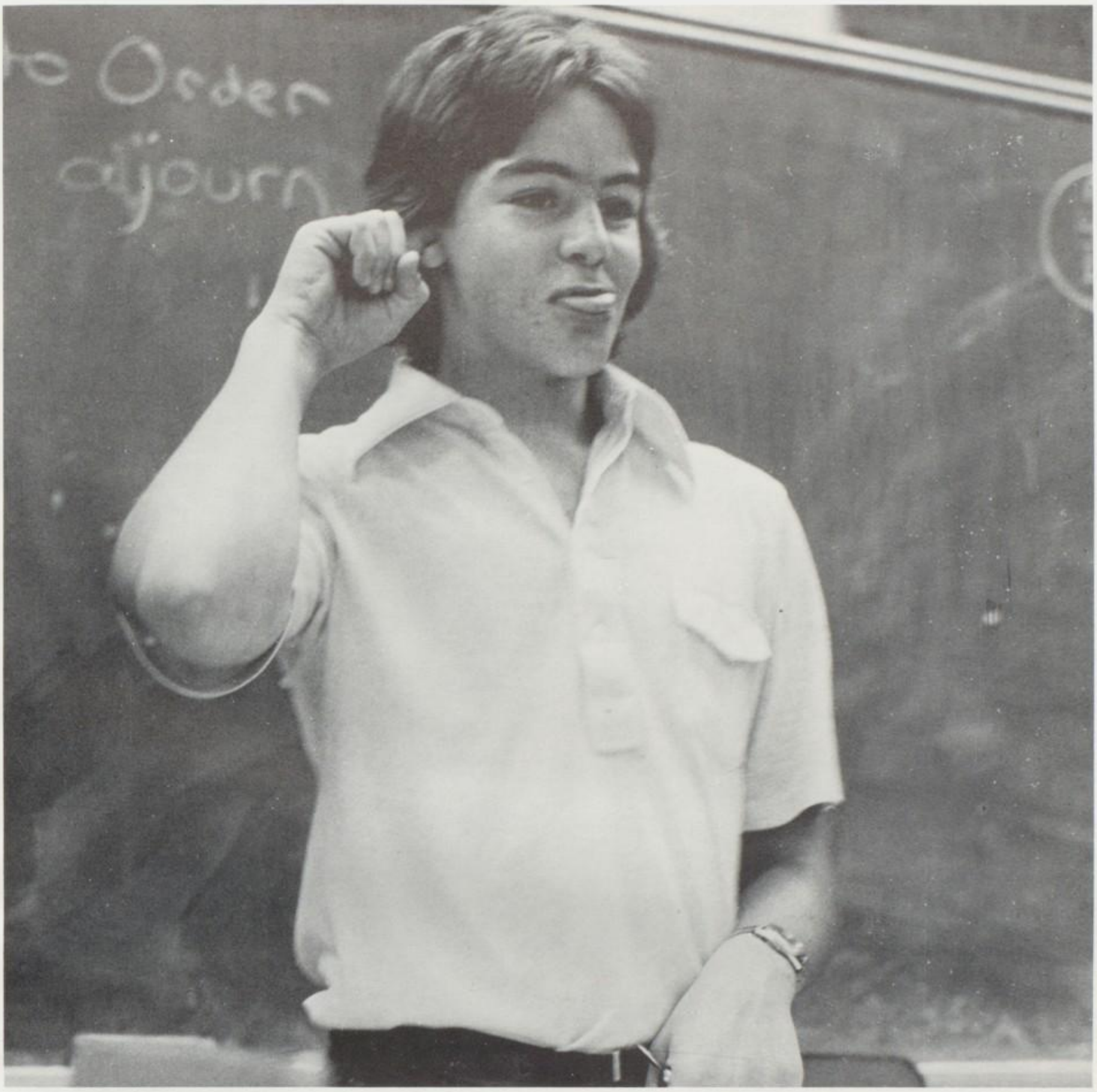

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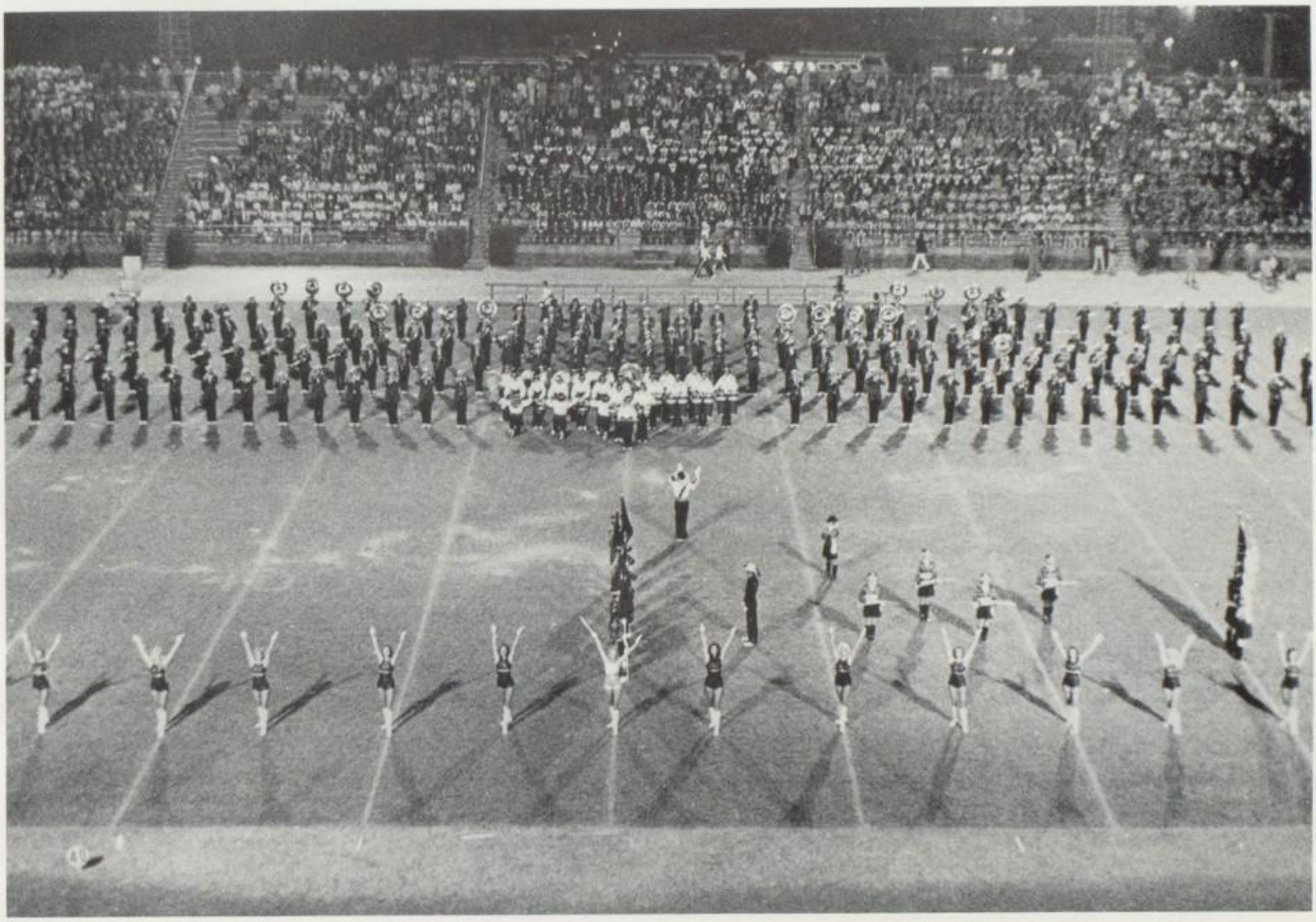

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Rookie Staff, Overloaded Photographers Fail To Halt Production of Traditionalized Annual

With distribution of the 1975 *Tomahawk* completed, plans for production of the 1976 edition fell into gear. Expectations were high among the five returning staff members as sights were set on a traditionalized, 368-page yearbook. "Revolutionary" ideas were incorporated into procedural techniques, a direct result of the editorial staff's participation in summer yearbook seminars. Only one obstacle lay between production and publication; the selecting and structuring of a new staff.

In mid-June 1975, an initial organization workshop was held allowing the skeleton staff to fatten its bones. Daily lectures on yearbook production were presented to potential staff members. After a three day workshop and two hours of deliberation between old staff members, all candidates for the 1976 staff were accepted in anticipation of a proficient, in-depth staff. However, eighty per cent of the '76 staff were rookie yearbook journalists and needed individualized instruction before coverage assignments could be distributed.

Valuable production time was lost through the specialized instruction sessions, and deadlines for a spring-delivered yearbook passed by. That, plus the uniqueness of the school year, left the staff with a summer-delivered yearbook as the only alternative. Unanimous approval by both Student and Inter-Club Councils gave the staff final confirmation. Production started in November and ran smoothly until late-February when conflicting interests forced the removal of three writers and three photographers. With two-thirds of the book to go, the readily adaptive staff sacrificed many free hours to complete a long awaited yearbook.

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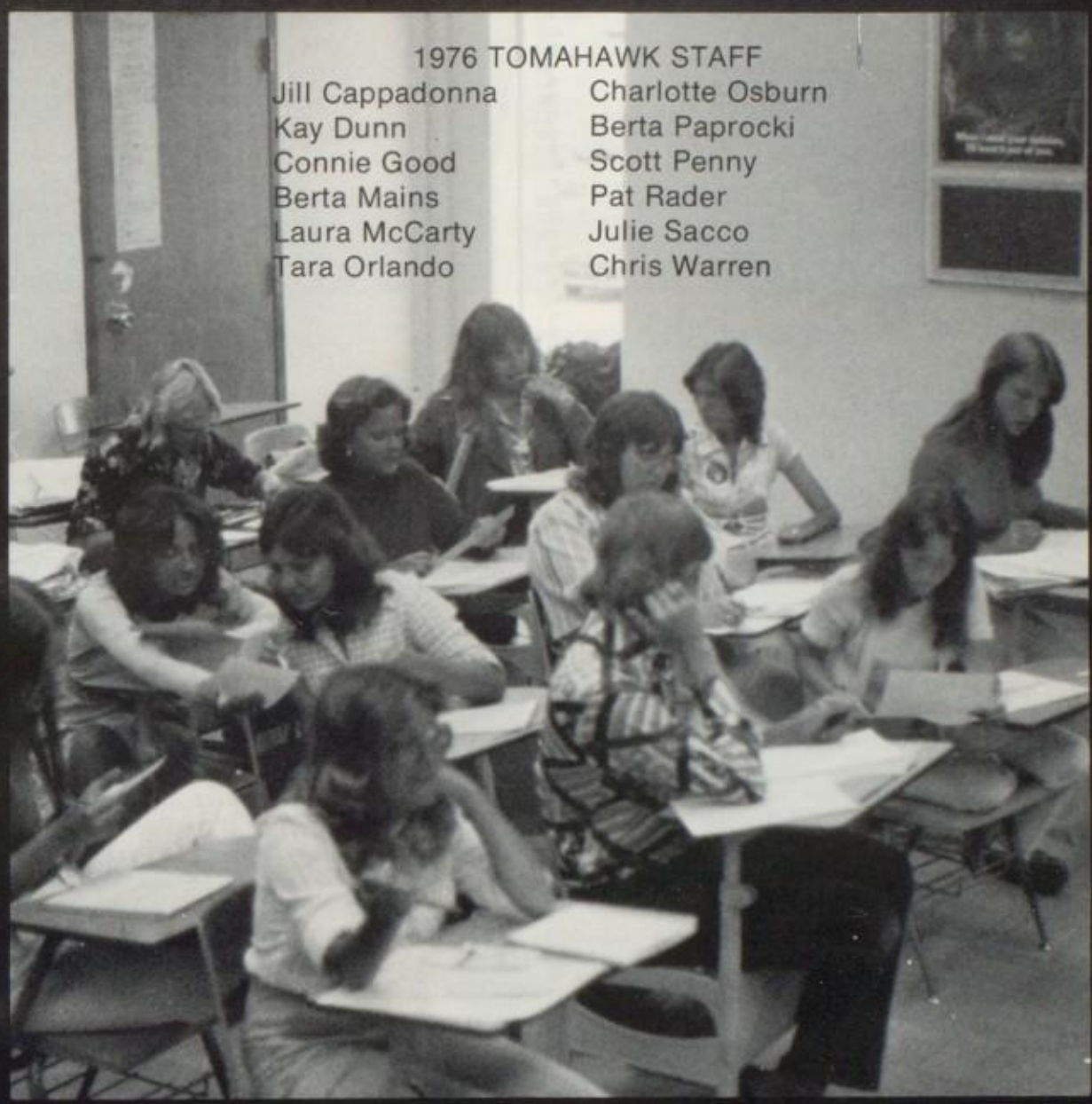

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Center: Pat Rader sells one of 1209 subscriptions for the '76 book. This ends five months of rigorous sales and leaves the staff 91 copies short of its minimum goal – 1300.

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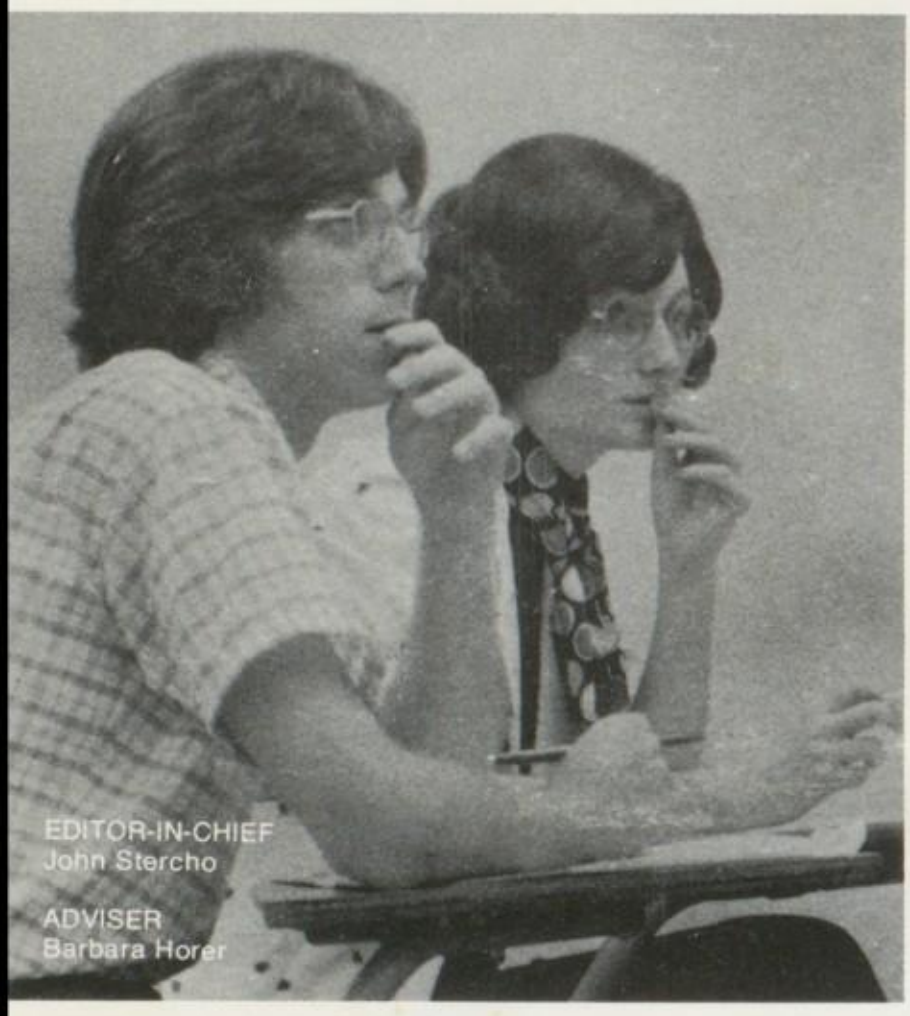

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